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BRITAIN WILL NOT PRESS HER DEBTORS IN FINANCIAL CRISIS

CUP HOLDERS TO MEET LEEDS AT ELLAND RD.

Arsenal Visit Walsall
In F. A. Cup.
CORINTHIANS v. HAMMERS.

London, To-day.
Newcastle United, the Cup-holders, have drawn Leeds at home for the Third Round of the F.A. Cup. Last year Leeds were eliminated by Queen's Park Rangers in their first game, and from all indications a Newcastle win is assured.

Arsenal, last year's finalists, are away to Walsall, and should encounter little difficulty in proceeding into the next round. Aston Villa, four Cup fighters, will find Bradford City a stiff proposition, but they should win. Blackburn Rovers, who share with the Villa the distinction of having won the Cup on six occasions, are away to Lincoln, while Bolton Wanderers, winners on five occasions, visit London to play Charlton Athletic.

London will stage a big match when the Corinthians, the most famous amateur club in the British Isles, play the Hammers at the Crystal Palace. Two First Division clashes are down for decision when Leicester entertain the League champions and Liverpool visit the Throstles.

The following is the draw for the Third Round of the F. A. Cup to be played on January 14—
Carlisle or Hull v. Sunderland.
Oldham v. Tottenham.
Brighton or Wrexham v. Chelsea.
Bradford C. v. Aston Villa.
Darlington v. Torquay or Queen's P.R.

Watford v. Southend.
Bradford v. Plymouth.
Manchester U. v. Middlesboro.
Bury v. Notts F.
Birmingham v. Preston.
Crinthams v. West Ham.
Swindon v. Burnley.
Leicester v. Everton.
Bristol C. or Tranmere v. Notts C.
Blackpool v. Port Vale.
Walsall v. Arsenal.
West Bromwich v. Liverpool.
Millwall v. Reading or Coventry.
Grimsby v. Portsmouth.
Gateshead v. Manchester C.
Huddersfield v. Folkestone.
Chester v. Fulham.
Stoke v. Southampton.
Doncaster v. Halifax.
Swansea v. Sheffield U.
Lincoln v. Blackburn.
Wolves v. Derby.
Barnsley v. Luton.
Aldershot v. Bristol R. or Gillingham.

British Trade Balance Up

November Figures A
Slight Gain.

London, To-day.
The United Kingdom trade returns for November issued yesterday show a slight increase in both imports and exports compared with the previous month.

Compared with November, last year, an improvement in trade balance is indicated by the decline of over £21,000,000 in imports as against a decrease of £275,000 in exports.
For 11 months of the year, imports show a decrease of £142,500,000, and exports a decrease of £24,000,000, compared with the corresponding period, 1931, figures being imports £642,575,000 and exports £382,841,000.—British Wireless Service.

SUSPECTED ASSASSIN FOUND IN EX-KAISER'S CELLAR.

Big German Armed To Teeth
Overpowered By Servants.

Amsterdam, To-day.
An unknown German, armed with a revolver and a big knife, was found in the cellar of Doorn House. He was overpowered and arrested.
The man is suspected of planning an attempt on the life of the former Kaiser, Wilhelm of Germany.
This is the first attempt made on the life of the ex-emperor, so far as is known.—Reuter.

GENERAL SU'S ARMY GOES TO CHITA CAMP

Leader's Whereabouts
Unknown To Japan.

MA BELIEVED EXECUTED.

Harbin, To-day.
According to Japanese information it is believed that General Su Ping-wen's four thousand troops, together with their families, were transported to Chita from the eighty-sixth verst on December 10.

The Japanese military authorities are without information as to the whereabouts in Soviet Russia of General Su Ping-wen and his staff.

Mr. Shuan-chuan, the anti-Manchukuo leader, was arrested by General Liu and executed at Lishichun, northwards of Muling, yesterday, according to another report. This man is an aviation officer, not to be confused with General Ma Chuan-shan.—Reuter.

DARK BLUES' RUGBY DEFEAT.

Trinity College Win
At Home By 6-3.

London, Today.
Oxford University, who beat Cambridge in the Varsity Rugby match, sustained a second check on their Irish tour yesterday when they lost to Trinity College, Dublin, by 6 points to 3.

On Saturday they lost to a North of Ireland fifteen by 18 pts. to 13.—Reuter.

DEATH OF TWO M.P.'S OF PARLIAMENT.

Sir J. P. Reynolds And
Sir J. D. Millar.

London, To-day.
Two Parliamentary By-elections are pending as the result of the death of Colonel Sir J. P. Reynolds, Conservative member for the Exchange Division of Liverpool and of Sir Duncan Millar, Liberal member for East Fifeshire, Scotland.—British Wireless Service.
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WARNING SIGNS TO BE POSTED.

Dangerous Corners
Designated.

Indication of the Government's intention to place new block signs to assure slow driving at dangerous cross roads in the Colony was given by Traffic Inspector Alexander before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning, during the hearing of a case in which the Chinese driver of a Ruttonjee Co. lorry was summoned for dangerous driving.
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WAR DEBT PROBLEM UNSOLVED

CABINET CONSIDERS REPLY TO AMERICA

HERRIOT URGES FRANCE TO
STAND BY ALLY

DISCUSSION IN COMMONS.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

GREAT BRITAIN WILL NOT PRESS HER CREDITORS IN ORDER TO REFILL A DEPLETED TREASURY IN THE EVENT OF AMERICA ACCEPTING HER CONDITIONS AND THE HUGE PAYMENT OF WAR DEBT IN GOLD DUE FOR PAYMENT ON THURSDAY. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER IN A SPEECH AT BIRMINGHAM.

It is expected that the Cabinet will meet to-day to consider whether or not it should, under the circumstances, make any further reply to the American note.

Meanwhile, in Paris, Premier Herriot is facing a crisis. It is unlikely that he can obtain a majority to support his plan to follow Britain's lead and pay, under conditions, the note America is demanding. He has pleaded with the Chamber of Deputies to give him time to discuss further the debt situation and to support Great Britain.

In a speech at Birmingham, Rt. Hon. Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said: "We do not ask that our proposal to the United States be accepted at this stage, but we reserve our right to put it forward when discussions begin which, if treated in the same friendly spirit hitherto shown by both Governments, are bound to lead to a settlement. There is no question of our asking our debtors to pay anything at present."—Reuter.

In response to a request by the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. George Lansbury, that the Government statement relative to the American debt payments should be made to the House of Commons before Thursday under conditions enabling the House to discuss it, Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin announced that the Government had arranged to devote the whole of to-morrow to debate on this subject and that an appropriate statement would be made probably by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain. The Government would not put down a motion and the House would have a perfectly free debate enabling the subject to be discussed from every viewpoint.

Cabinet Discussion.
Prime Minister reached London from Geneva yesterday afternoon. He was soon in consultation with his colleagues and among matters receiving consideration was the United States' reply to the debate note in which the British Government notified their intention to pay in gold on Thursday, and that the payment was to be considered as a capital sum of which account should be taken in any final settlement which should be concluded before June 15.

The American reply was that the Secretary of the Treasury was without the power to concur in the British proposal and was bound to regard the gold as an instalment.

It is anticipated that the Cabinet will meet to-day when the question as to whether a further communication should be sent to the United States is expected to be considered.

Huge Sums Paid.
In a written reply to a Parliamentary question regarding the British receipts and payments on account of reparations and war debts, the Chancellor of the Ex-

chequer has given details showing that Britain's receipts in war debts amounted to \$71,100,000 and in reparations \$121,300,000, making a total of \$192,400,000. Her payments to the United States for war debts amounted to \$326,200,000, thus exceeding her total receipts from war debts and reparations by \$133,800,000.

The Council of the Bank for International Settlements at its monthly meeting yesterday decided to abandon its intention to establish a new monetary system based on gold until the debt question had been settled between the Governments interested.—British Wireless Service.
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Britain May Not Pay

Chamberlain Makes
No Promises.

Birmingham, To-day.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Exchequer, declares that he does not know that the British debt payment will be remitted. It will merely be held in suspense.

"If, unhappily, it should be found impossible to ratify the Lausanne Agreement because the signatories are unable to make a satisfactory settlement with the United States, then we will return to the position existing before the Hoover Moratorium and our claims upon our debtors will revive in full force."
The announcement was greeted with cheers.—Reuter.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET QUIET.

New York, To-day.
To-day's session threw little fresh light on the New York market situation, reports Messrs. E. A. Pierce & Co., in cable dispatches received to-day. They believe that the popular mind still continues to place great importance on the war debt payments over which there appears to be no apprehension in financial circles.
Industrials, rails, utilities and bonds all showed an upward trend. Small business was done, only 920,000 shares changing hands.—Reuter.

HERRIOT FACES DEFEAT IF WAR DEBT HONOURED

Socialists Opposed To
Any Payment.

PARIS CHEERS BRITAIN.

Paris, To-day.
Premier Herriot is faced with the serious prospects of defeat if he insists upon making the debt payment at to-day's meeting of the Chamber of Deputies, in consequence of the Socialists' decision to oppose the payment even with certain reservations or conditions such as Great Britain insists upon.
But Premier Herriot at the opening of the debate drew loud cheers when he paid tribute to Great Britain's loyalty and uprightness, particularly in money matters, and begged the House to reflect upon the danger of separating Britain and France at the present juncture.

"France's signature must be honoured," he declared. He favoured a payment to America with reservations, but until he had had an opportunity for further discussions with Great Britain he was unable to define the nature of these reservations.
A vote is not expected until to-night.—Reuter.

PERSIA'S PROFIT FROM D'ARCY OIL CONCESSION

\$11,265,000 Total Paid
To Date.

BRITAIN'S HOLDINGS.

London, To-day.
Further particulars regarding the Anglo-Persian Oil Company's D'Arcy Concession were given in response to a House of Commons question by the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Captain Anthony Eden.

He said that the concession was granted by the Persian Government for 60 years from May, 1901, and contained no provision which would now allow cancellation by either side. The only power of cancellation in the concession was the provision that if within two years the concessionaire should not have formed the first company to operate it, the concession should become null and void.
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ITALY REDUCES IMPORT TOTAL

Encourages Reciprocal
World Trade.

Rome, To-day.
A resolution to reduce foreign imports into Italy, while encouraging the international reduction of tariffs and revising Italy's own tariffs with a view to obtaining more reciprocity, was passed at the final session of the Fascist Grand Council.
The countries supplying her raw materials will be approached with a view to placing Italy's produce on their markets on favourable terms.—Reuter.

General Wong Kuan, Chief of Staff of the 18th Route Army, returned from Canton yesterday by the s.s. Kin Shan. He will not go to Fokien for some time, it is learned.



The Earl of Crawford and Balcarres presided at the National Conference for the preservation of the beauty of the country-side, at Norwich. He is a leader in the movement to preserve rural England and the old, historic landmarks.

Bertram Crashes On Take-Off

Airman Unhurt At
Sourabaya.

Sourabaya, To-day.
Hans Bertram, the German pilot, was unable to take off here this morning and his plane crashed into a ditch.
Bertram taxied down the field at high speed, but his machine, overloaded, would not rise. He crashed into a shallow ditch, wrecked his undercarriage and propeller, but was himself unhurt.

The German hopped off from Port Darwin yesterday on a projected flight from Australia to London.—Reuter.

MIXED COURT CONTROVERSY AIRED AGAIN

Commons Discusses
New Phases.

GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING.

London, To-day.
In the House of Commons Sir Nairne Sandeman asked whether other powers would be approached with a view to reinstating the Mixed Court at Shanghai.
Capt. Anthony Eden, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that Sir John Simon considers such a step would not be in the true interests of the English community of Shanghai.
Mr. Craddock requested that the British representative in Shanghai be instructed to insist.
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ARMS DISCUSSION ON JANUARY 16.

London Fixed As
Parley Venue.

London, To-day.
A Geneva message states that a Five Power meeting, with Mr. Arthur Henderson attending in his capacity as President of the Disarmament Conference, will be held in London on January 16 to settle various points connected with the recent declaration made by the Five Powers regarding the equality of status, security and progressive disarmament.—British Wireless Service.

EUROPEAN FOUND SHOT IN KOWLOON

Mr. Johan Frederiks's
Tragic Death.

REVOLVER AT HIS SIDE.

Mr. Johan Louis Mah Frederiks, head of the passenger department of the Java, China, Japan Line, was found dead with a revolver by his side in the bathroom of his home at No. 6, Carnarvon Road, Kowloon at 8.45 a.m. to-day.
The man was shot through the head and apparently died instantly.

The tragic discovery was made by his room boy, who at his master's request, had prepared a hot bath shortly before. A peculiar circumstance connected with the affair is that no one in the house heard the shot which was fired from a pistol of small calibre.

The police were notified as soon as the discovery was made, and following investigation, a report was filed at Headquarters stating: "Johan Frederiks, Dutch subject, 38 years of age, found shot dead with his own revolver in the bathroom of No. 6, Carnarvon Road, ground floor at 8.45 a.m. to-day, believed suicide."

Motive a Mystery.
Neither Police nor friends are aware of any motive which might have held accountable for Mr. Frederiks' suicide, nor does it seem possible that his death could have been accidental.

Only last night Mr. Frederiks, an extreme popular member of the Hong Kong community, was a dinner party guest of a commercial traveller from his native land. They dined at the Gloucester Building.

Mr. Frederiks rose at the usual time this morning, ordered his bath drawn, and dismissed his servant. When the servant returned to summon him to breakfast, he found his master dead.

Mr. Frederiks was living with Mr. and Mrs. L. Le Fevre, a French couple, as a paying guest.

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Sino-Soviet Diplomatic Agreement

Genova, Today.

As an outcome of meetings held here, it is officially announced that Chinese and Russian diplomatic relations have been resumed.

The arrival of M. Litvinoff in Geneva yesterday gave rise to the belief that he and Dr. W. W. Yen, of China, would discuss the resumption of relations.

The renewal of official Sino-Russian friendship is possibly significant in view of the League's desire to have Russia participate in discussions to solve the Manchurian situation.

Later.

Nanking, To-day.
The Chinese Foreign Office officially announced this morning at 10.30 that relations were resumed between the Chinese and Soviet Governments as from yesterday's date.—Reuter.

The news of the resumption of relations between the Chinese and Soviet Governments does come as a surprise, but official quarters are plainly worried.—Reuter.



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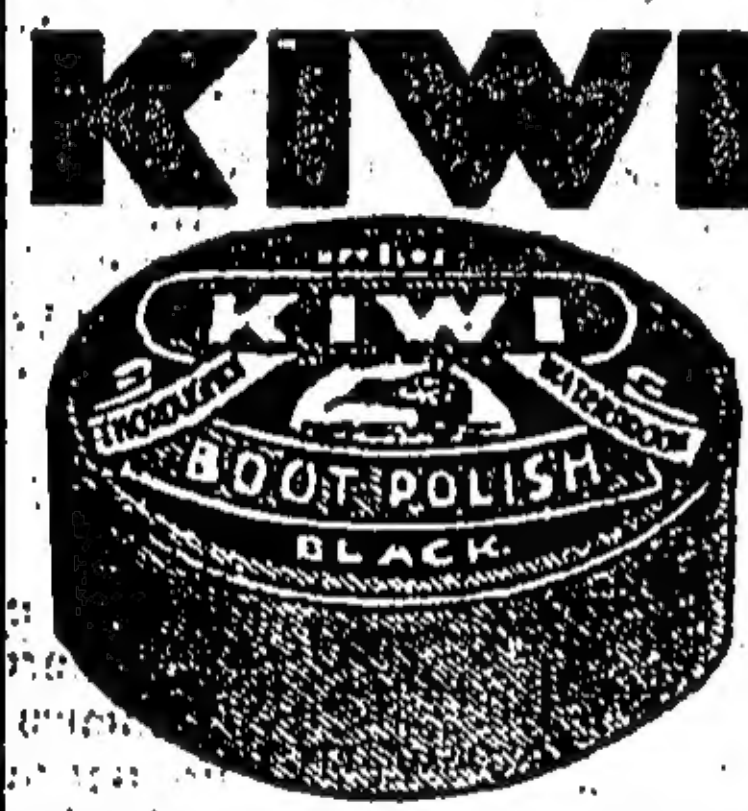
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NEW YORK FASHIONS

The American woman is a keen follower of football, and now the Fifth Avenue shops are showing all the latest accessories in smart suits and top coats for their women clients who attend the matches in their smartest outfits.

Another sports indication at present is the suede golf jacket. This has two bands of knitted fabric in set in each side of the back, thus giving the player ample freedom of swing.

American women are still loyal to the turban. Black velvet, for instance, relieved by a white velvet bow placed at a jaunty angle at the back of the hat, is undeniably smart.

Blouse sleeves seem to be getting



Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

Tiffin.

Mayonnaise of Pommes
Devilled Sheep's Tongues
Baked Artichokes
Japanese Pumpkin Pie

Dinner.

Hare Soup
Oysters, Creole Style
Lambettes
Creamed Swiss Chard
Apple Scallop with Bananas.

Swiss chard is prepared by separating the tops from the stalks and cutting the stalks into sections.

Cook in boiling water to cover, and when half done—about thirty minutes—add the leaves and cook thirty minutes longer. Drain, chop and season to taste with salt, pepper and butter.

Steaming chard makes a tasty vegetable dish. Allow 30 minutes longer for steaming.

Oysters, Creole Style.

Clean 1 quart oysters, cook in an omelet pan until plump, drain and reserve liquid. Cook 1/3 cup butter, 3 cloves, tiny bit of bay leaf, 2 slices each carrot and onion, 1 stalk celery broken in pieces, 5 minutes. Add 1/3 cup flour, stir until blended, then pour on slowly 1 cup each oyster liquid and thick puree. Reheat oysters in sauce, and season with salt, pepper, few drops Tabasco sauce, and 1/2 teaspoon finely chopped parsley. Serve on hot buttered toast.

Lambettes.

Cut slices from a roast of lamb and on each slice lay a spoonful of stuffing, made with bread crumbs, beaten egg, butter, salt, pepper, sage and parsley. Roll up slices and pin with little skewers or toothpicks.

Put a little butter and water in the baking pan, place in it the rolled slices and bake in a hot oven (450 F.) about 10 minutes, basting several times. When done thicken the gravy, pour it over the meat, garnish with parsley and serve on a hot dish.

Pumpkin Pie.

Into a mixing bowl put 1 1/2 cups of cooked and strained pumpkin, add 1 cup milk, 1/2 cup cream, 2/3 cup sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 tablespoon ginger and 2 eggs slightly beaten. Mix thoroughly and turn into deep glass pie plate lined with pastry, finish with a fluted rim.

Bake in a hot oven for 10 minutes then reduce the heat and bake 25 to 30 minutes in a moderate oven. Serve hot or cold, covered with meringue or whipped cream.

LONDON'S FASHION

London.

The "little cap" vogue is still very apparent in London. At fashionable weddings women are wearing knitted wool or silk berets, or velvet or tweed ones, just as the mood takes them, with decorative wraps of velvet or handsome fur coats.

Always the little caps match in colour, and always they are set at a jaunty angle to show the hair, and have an eye veil accompaniment, as likely as not.

Ruched silk in gay colours enliven house frocks of velvet.

An Eve Valere evening wrap of black velvet, cut very long, had two narrow flat bands of white breitschwantz from neck to hem, and very wide sleeves and shoulder lines. It was worthy of Queen Elizabeth's days.

Afternoon dresses in fancy fabrics show two shades of the same material, dark olive green being a favourite.

A new silk material has raised frayed silken tufts of its own fabric, and a superimposed silk stripe.

Special woven sports dresses with washing gloves, gauntleted in stripes matching the waistcoat of the frocks, by Matita, are typical of what the London and the country girl are wearing.

Skirts are wide, and so are belts (some of the latter are woven, in plaited material). Hip yokes are seen, and some sports dresses can be worn beltless as princesses' frocks or belted.

Wide sleeves are another characteristic. At the Matita showing, such details as hand-painted buttons to match each outfit, tiny short blouses (neither waistcoat nor blouse, but a little of each) in very gay stripes, tweed gauntlets on velvet gloves, and very coarse string lace blouses in floral patterns were other indications of London clothes smartness.

Taffetas is ruched into such fine ripples and quiltings that it looks corded, or like a massed piece of embroidery in French knots.



LOOKING GLASSES DECORATIVE— Fell Into Disrepute In Other Days.

With the advent of looking-glass in all sorts of colour, it has greatly increased in popularity and also in the number of purposes for which it is used. Looking-glasses fell in disrepute as suitable for walls chiefly because of the lurid frames with which it was thought fit to surround it. Now that it is used for panelling with no frame at all it is seen how much it can do for a room, not only in the sense of space that it gives but by reason of the beauty of reflection. From panels on the wall made of looking-glass it is not far to the many table-tops which are now being used in the various colours provided by it.

Sometimes there is also the plain glass with a border of a deep blue or other colour. Some of the prettiest harmonies are its combination with natural wood. Charming little dressing-tables are made of natural wood with a kidney-shaped top which is of mirror. The mirror is merely framed by the wood. The table has legs and surroundings which offer enough surface to show off the wood. Among the smaller things which are being made of mirror in various colours are hand-glasses. These have the ordinary mirror in front and a deep blue or copper colour at the back. They are naturally rather breakable, but they have a remarkably jewel-like effect on the toilet-table.

Finger-plates of mirror are also sometimes combined with colour. If they are at all cut the cutting must be of the simplest nature and merely to provide some of the points of light which are used to brighten the modern room.

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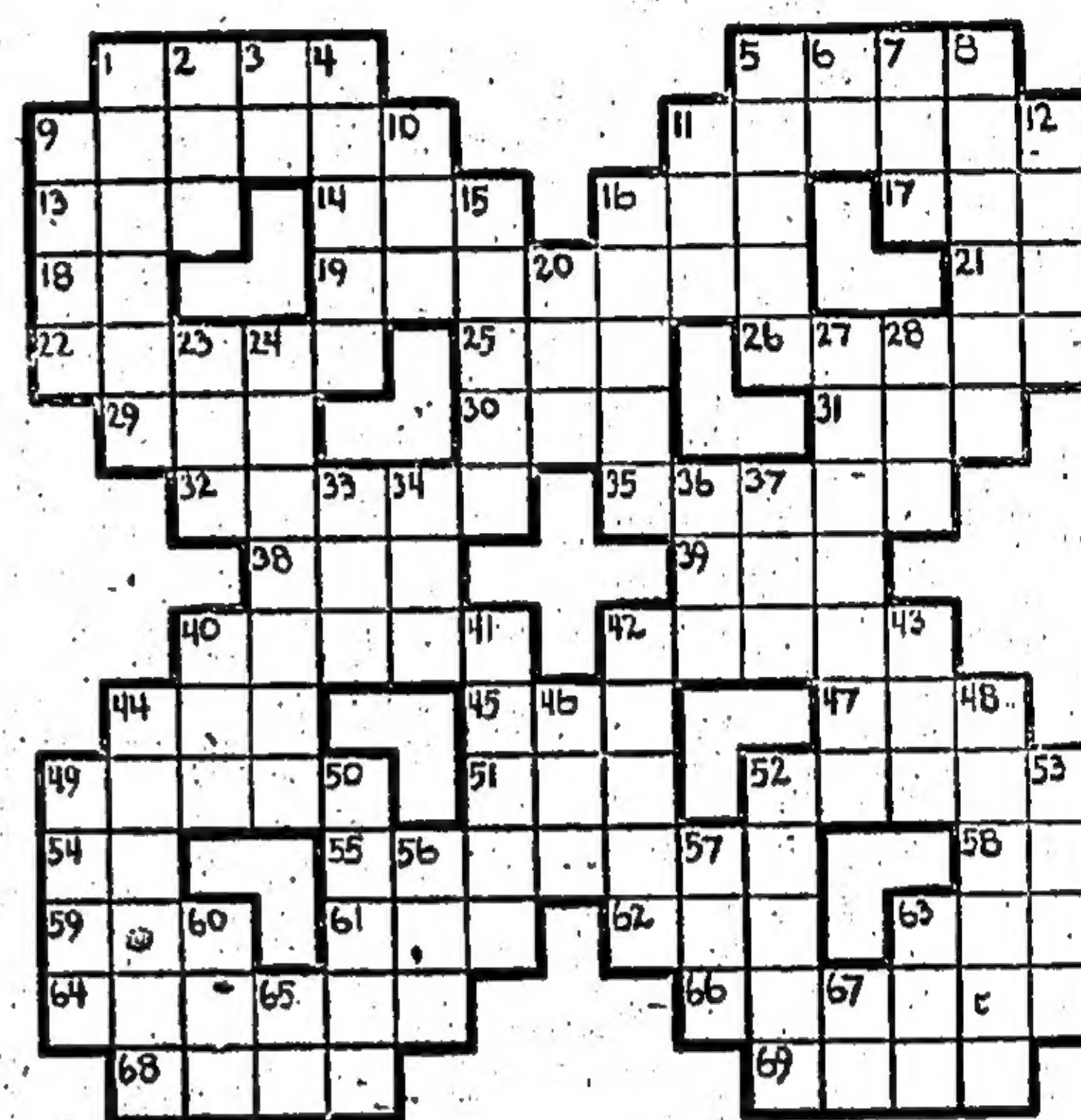
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, glow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1- Foundation
- 2- Mineral springs
- 3- Loud explosion
- 11- A Grecian ruler
- 12- An insect
- 14- Solence
- 15- Diminutive suffix
- 17- A letter
- 18- Nickel (abbr.)
- 19- A cut of steak
- 21- Point of compass (abbr.)
- 22- Consent
- 23- A town in Germany
- 24- Marked with a date
- 25- Prefix. Not
- 30- Empire (abbr.)
- 31- Prefix. Apart
- 32- Upper air
- 35- A color
- 38- Ever (Post.)
- 39- Girl's name
- 40- To adorn
- 42- Support
- 44- A beverage
- 45- Consume
- 47- Small bed
- 49- Exchange
- 51- S. W. State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 52- Danger

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 54- Conjunction
- 55- Put in order (abbr.)
- 56- Egyptian sun-god
- 58- Dress material
- 61- Maritime distress signal
- 62- Obtain
- 63- Hobby
- 64- Pastured
- 65- Placed
- 68- Long grass stem
- 69- Wisdom

VERTICAL

- 14- Gracious
- 2- Skillful
- 3- Like
- 4- Rub out
- 5- Waste
- 6- Father
- 7- Part of a circle
- 8- Landscapes
- 9- Frog (Latin)
- 10- Prefix. Thrice
- 11- Man's name
- 12- Mind
- 15- More faithful
- 16- Composition (abbr.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 20- Master of Laws (abbr.)
- 21- Flash light
- 24- Penetrated
- 27- Progress
- 28- Blind
- 29- Pronoun
- 34- Epoch
- 35- Portion
- 37- Man's name
- 40- Southern State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 41- Period of time (pl.)
- 42- Smart
- 43- June-bug
- 44- That which is unpaid but due
- 45- A constellation
- 48- A prolonged declamatory discourse
- 49- Lacerated
- 50- Relieved
- 52- Part of a flower
- 53- A well-bred woman
- 55- Measure of length
- 57- Precious stone
- 60- A pastry
- 63- Distant
- 65- The (Fr.)
- 67- Behold

(The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle, will appear in to-morrow's issue.)

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The site is at Sturmore, Middlesex, and the house is designed to trap every moment of sunlight. When there is no sun you press a switch and every room can be filled with artificial sunlight.

The householder can make his own weather—inside, for another switch alters the temperature throughout the house.

Thermo-Static Heating

The house is cooled in summer and warmed in winter by an intricate system of thermostatic heating. The plumbing is the idea of an American, and includes an arrangement by which even the temperature of the bath-water is automatically controlled to a desired warmth.

Holland is responsible for the kitchen, and the balconies are the work of a California.

The arrangement of the nursery, with its special window-panes and composition floor, comes from Sweden.

The windows and door frames are the products of the finest British engineers.

The bath, which can be either pink, green, or black, according to taste, is let into the floor.

Press The Button

All cupboards and wardrobes are built in, and the dining-room side-board emerges from the wall when a button is touched. An extra large dining-room table can be raised from the floor at the pressure of a button—an idea from France.

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BALLOONS TEST UPPER WINDS.

Over 15,000 Ascents In A Year.

During the year the total number of pilot-balloon ascent made in Great Britain and Northern Ireland to determine the velocity of the upper winds was 15,199, according to the annual report of the Director of the Meteorological Office, issued recently.

The Director states that the year was remarkable for the completion of three undertakings:—

(1) The complete reorganisation of the arrangements made at headquarters in London for the preparation of weather forecasts.

(2) The successful conclusion of a scheme for simplifying the exchange of meteorological information between the countries of the northern hemisphere.

(3) The completion of a series of tours made by the Superintendent of the Navy Services to the chief naval stations of the world, to organise the supply of meteorological information to the Royal Navy when on foreign service.

Forecasting work had been facilitated by the simplification of the exchange of weather information between different countries, and the new system was now working smoothly and regularly.

Mechanising The Farm
Costs Cut Down To Minimum

THE NEW "COMBINE"

Four years ago the Combine Harvester was unknown in England; to-day mechanised farming is being practised in at least ten centres. At Wellington, in Lincolnshire, where the pioneer, Mr. Geoffrey Neville, has achieved remarkable results, in Norfolk, in Huntingdonshire, near Worcester and Stow-on-the-Wold, by St. Albans, in Oxfordshire, in Wiltshire and Hampshire, clever farmers have taken occasion by the hand and are achieving results that would have seemed fantastic in 1928.

On suitable land two men using caterpillar tractors can plough thirty-five acres in a day. Apart from the advantage of mechanised cultivation, the new system of harvesting reduces outlay to a minimum and loss to a negligible quantity. The grain, cut, threshed and sacked by the combine, passed through the drier to the bins, suffers no loss. The old self-binder shook grain out of the ear, the man who shocked the sheaves shook out more, forking them into the cart added to the loss, pitching them was bound to waste a little, and when the stack was complete came the cost of threshing, and the damage by rats, mice and birds. Wheat gathered wet might remain for March winds to dry, and by then vermin had taken heavy toll. Under the new system the farmer can preserve his entire crop.

Estimating Costs.

The expert estimate sets the field cost of the seed bed at \$1 per acre, the seed and sowing at another pound, harvesting at the same figure. The straw goes far to pay for fertilisers at their present low price and a yield of four quarters to the acre at \$2 a quarter leaves a margin of £5 per acre for rent, rates, lost time, interest on capital and profit. But so great an expert as Sir Rowland Biffen declares that on suitable English land the average yield should be five quarters an acre, and that on exceptionally good soil six may be looked for, provided cultivation is carried out on generous lines.

In 1918 we produced food for about four and a half days a week, owing to the special effort made by our agriculturists, though good tractors were unknown, the Harvester Combine had not been seen here, and "artificials" were scarce and dear.

Reduced Effort.

To-day we could supply by far the greater part of our needs without approaching the effort of 1918, and at an incomparably lower cost. The farmer has two difficulties to face. In the first place, he lacks the capital necessary to instal a Combine Harvester, a drier and tractors. Moreover, his holding may not be suitable. The field area must be at least twenty acres, some experts prefer more, and where hedges intervene, they must go. At the same time, no wholesale destruction of hedgerows is possible without serious risk, because they harbour our invaluable insect-eating birds. The other difficulty lies in the fear that mechanising of farms will involve the displacement of farm labour.

So far as equipment goes, Dr. Denham, of the Oxford Institute of Agricultural Engineering, has pointed out that there is room in every arable county for contractors who will take a Combine Harvester from farm to farm; he has also suggested the establishment of suitable drying centres that the miller may have ample supplies centrally situated. So far as employment is concerned, any loss should be quickly met because, when we have mechanised farming, and reduced costs, there will remain for stock rearing a large surplus of straw and grain not millable.

Higher Wages.

On farms where mechanisation is being practised, wages have risen. Neville says none of his men less than 22s a week and there are ample opportunities of overtime because the tractor, unlike the horse, can take

double shifts. Ploughs work by night with the aid of acetylene lamps.

There is every reason to believe that if the Government will aid mechanisation, it should be readily possible to produce wheat at a much lower price than is at present guaranteed, and that in a little while the farmer will be satisfied, if not happy, with a guarantee of 35s.

The contractor with a combine has already appeared and the machines at present in use by no means exhaust the possibilities of mechanisation. Unfortunately they all involve considerable capital outlay, but the farmer has one substantial safeguard. Since the Ministry of Agriculture asked the University of Oxford to establish and supervise an institute for research in agricultural engineering, any manufacturer can submit his machine to the institute's experts, who will test it and report either for his private or public purposes. Before making his purchase the farmer can apply to the institute and find out what the machine can do.

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Yesterday I could almost have believed that they were tuning their golden harps—at that moment they were, indeed, of gold—for some angelic song of adoration.

The fancy may not be so far removed from fact as prosaic persons would have us think, for the work of saving this Cathedral Church from ruin and decay is surely one in which the angels may rejoice. That it has been so saved is the simple truth.

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In the great central tower, constructed as it is with a double wall, not a single bonding-stone was intact. The walls of the western towers were splitting in every direction; there were holes in the masonry through which a man could thrust his arm.

In other parts of the building ribs of vaulting, instead of being concave, were convex, and were in hourly danger of falling to the ground.

Dean Fry's Work

The task was terrific, but in the main—not completely, perhaps, for in a work of this kind there can be no such thing as finally—in the main it has been accomplished.

Lincoln Minister is stronger to-day than it has ever been since the day when Remigius the monk of Fecamp, the friend of William the Norman, built it upon a rock. Our first founder has been described as a little man with a great heart, and the same description may not unfittingly be applied to the latest restorer of the church he built.

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He was trailed into Floyd Bennett Field 38 minutes after his arrival by Col. Roscoe Turner, whose time for the same distance was 10h. and 57m.

Besides the record, the flight netted Captain Halzlip a trophy and \$9,250 in prize money.

HUGE NEW BLOCK IN NEW YORK.

European Artists Win Award.

New York.—The swing of civilisation from geographical frontiers to the inward, upward frontiers in the thinking of each human being is to the theme of the nine great panels which will constitute the sole artistic embellishment of the new 70-storey RCA building.

Three internationally known artists are to be the painters, Frank Brangwyn of England; Diego Rivera of Mexico and Jose Maria Sert of Spain, the first foreigners to win awards from the Rockefeller Center development. The first sketches are to be ready on December 1 and the finished murals are to be delivered early in April. Mr. Brangwyn will work at his studio in Ditchling, Sussex, Eng. Senor Sert will produce his four panels at his studio in Paris, and Senor Rivera is to execute his commission in Detroit, where he is at present engaged by the Museum of Art.



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Upon presentation at the Office of the Company of Bankers' Receipt for the payment of such Call, together with the Certificate of Shares, a note of the payment will be endorsed on the Certificate.

Dated this 17th day of August, 1932.

By Order of the Board,
ALLAN KEITH,
Secretary.

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CINEMA NOTES

MAIL REVIEW

"LETTY LYNTON"—QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"Letty Lynton," the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture now showing at the Queen's Theatre, gives Joan Crawford one of the best roles of her successful career on the screen. Playing opposite Robert Montgomery and Nils Astor gives an exceedingly fine performance.

The first part of this film is laid in South America, where Letty Lynton a rich heiress on holiday from United States; has got herself entangled in a dangerous love affair with a fiery Brazilian.

She manages to escape from him and reach her home by boat, and on the way falls into a steamship romance with a young Bostonian (Robert Montgomery).

There is, of course, her former lover Renauld. He follows her but got rid of finally when he drinks the poison Letty had prepared for herself.

The picture is well directed and the settings are excellent, including realistic scenes on board a luxurious ocean liner.

MAIL REVIEW

"THE FIRST YEAR"—KING'S THEATRE.

Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell together are always the best possible bet for an evening's entertainment, but when they are given material in keeping with their talents, they become the brightest stars that shine.

This is forcefully and delightfully borne out at the King's Theatre where the Fox comedy drama, "The First Year," is now showing.

The story, a strong, well developed one, revolves about Janet's decision as a small town girl to marry, move away and work out a life of her own.

Between two authors—Charles Farrell and George Meeker—she chooses Farrell. For a trifle, affairs swing along joyously, and then the trials of "The First Year" gradually outweigh the bliss of their honeymoon.

The quarrel and separation that follow, are hilariously developed in the plot and humorously enacted by the cast.

MAIL REVIEW

"A NIGHT LIKE THIS"—CENTRAL THEATRE.

Ralph Lynn and Tom Walls have the leading roles in "A Night Like This" now showing at the Central Theatre.

The story takes place in London on a foggy night and P. C. Mahoney, (Tom Walls) directing traffic in the Strand and helping nervous old ladies across the road, thinks there is no place like it on earth. He receives a note, slipped into his hand by his own charming Molly (Joan Brierley) and it seems as if the fog lifts for a moment.

The note explained that the secret gambling in the Moonstone Night Club, where Molly worked, was going strong, and our hefty Irish policeman determined to play a lone hand and "cop" the lot.

At a bar, Clifford Tope (Ralph Lynn) home from Persia, is wondering what to do with himself for the evening. The girl suggests a visit to the Moonstone Club. It is a nice bright place, where the cabaret and the price for looking at it is very good.

Winifred Shotter does good work as the cabaret beauty.

MAIL REVIEW

"CHARLIE CHAN'S CHANCE"—MAJESTIC THEATRE.

Charlie Chan, the famed Oriental detective, is revived on the screen of the Majestic Theatre, through the splendid medium of Warner Oland, in "Charlie Chan's Chance," the current attraction at the Theatre.

H. B. Warner, Linda Watkins, James Kirkwood and Ralph Morgan are in the supporting cast. Recommended!

MAIL REVIEW

"A LADY TO LOVE"—STAR THEATRE.

Vilma Banky's first all-talking film "A Lady to Love" is now showing at the Star Theatre. In it she is seen as a waitress in a Californian restaurant, and there is the inevitable love triangle. She is ably supported by Robert Ames and Edward G. Robinson.

G.O.C. RECEIVES PRESENTATION.

Girl Guides Give Thanks For Aid.

As a token of appreciation for all he had done for the Girl Guide and Brownie movement in the Colony, H. E. Major General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the G.O.C. the British Troops in China, was yesterday presented with the Girl Guide "Thanks Badge" at Sandilands' Hut, the headquarters of the local Girl Guide Association.

Amongst the company present was the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, and Mrs. Southern. Colony Commissioner, Hong Kong Girl Guides' Association: Units of the Association attending were the 1st Hong Kong (Garrison) Girl Guide Coy, under Miss Steele and Mrs. Brazier Creigh, the Hong Kong (Garrison) Brownie Pack, under Mesdames Bishop, Wood and Skinner and the Kowloon (Gun Club Hill) Pack, under Miss Cousins.

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NEW MOTIVE FOR LAM'S MURDER.

Three Men Held On Capital Charge.

A new motive for the murder of Lam Chuen in Jubilee Road on September 27 was suggested by a witness when the charge of murder against Lam Fuk-lung, Chan Kau and Lam Yat was proceeded with before Mr. Wynne Jones yesterday.

The motive, formerly suggested was that the murder had been committed to protect the lives of Lam Chuen's adopted mother and brother, whom, it was alleged, Lam Chuen plotted to kill.

Giving evidence yesterday, Lam Heung alleged that Lam Yat, prior to his arrest, said the murder had been committed following the unequal distribution of the spoils of a robbery.

The hearing was adjourned.

CHINA'S CAPITAL.

Nanking, Dec. 8.
Plans for the construction of the Administrative Area of the Capital, where all Party and Government Offices are to be concentrated, have been drafted by the National Reconstruction Commission.

MAIL REVIEW "THE SECRET SIX"—ORIENTAL THEATRE.

Wallace Beery gives an outstanding performance as Scorpio, an unscrupulous gangster, in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's film "The Secret Six" now playing at the Oriental Theatre. Lewis Stone is also prominent as the gangsters' lawyer friend, while Clark Gable, John Miljan and John Mack Brown all do good work. Worth seeing!

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7-10.30 p.m.—European programme.
7-11.15 p.m.—A programme of H.M.V. records.

Suite Française (Fonks)
Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards B2751/B2752.
7.15-8 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Song Recital by Madame Line Marlys and Monsieur Maurice Stephen.
8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

8.3-9.15 p.m.—A programme of H.M.V. records.

Hawaiian Music.
Alone Niami Shore
Honolulu Sweetheart of Mine
Hilo-Hawaiian Orch. B2850.
The Rosary
Aloha Ohi (Farewell to Thee)
Hilo-Hawaiian Orch. B3338.

8.15-9 p.m.—
A relay of the Band of 1st Bath. The Lincolnshire Regiment, from the Officer's Mess, Shum-shing Barracks, by courtesy of Lieut. Col. E. J. de G. Boys, M.C. (During the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio).

9-9.45 p.m.—Wagner Programme.

Lohengrin's Narrative in Distant Lands

Richard Crooks (Tenor) (This is from Z.B.V.'s Library Gotterdammerung, Act III—"Brunhilde, Helge's hant")

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Concert Items.

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Song—

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Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) C2089.

Violin Solo—

Melodie Arabe (Glazounow-Kochanski)

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10-10 p.m. (approx.)—From the Studio.

A pianoforte recital by Mr. J. J. Levintoff.

Programme.

1. "Sonata Quasi Una Fantasia"

Moonlight (Beethoven)

2. Prelude, Op. 28, No. 15 (Chopin)

(a) Cobold (Greig)

(b) Little Bird (Greig)

4. October (Tchaikowsky)

5. Melody (Rubinstein)

7. Keindre (Elman)

7. Serenade (Schubert)

10.40 p.m. (approx.)—Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.45 p.m. (approx.)—Close Down.

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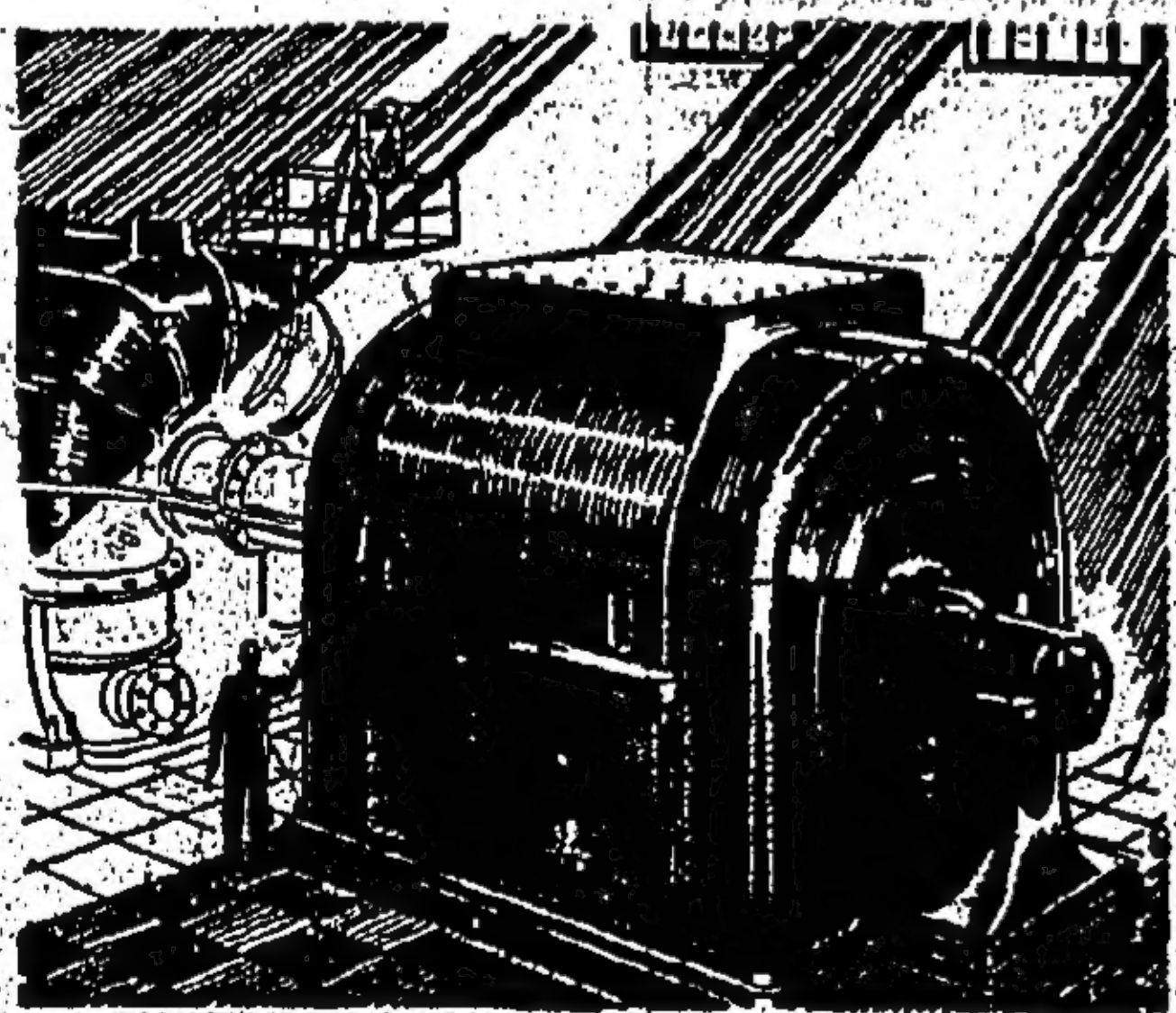
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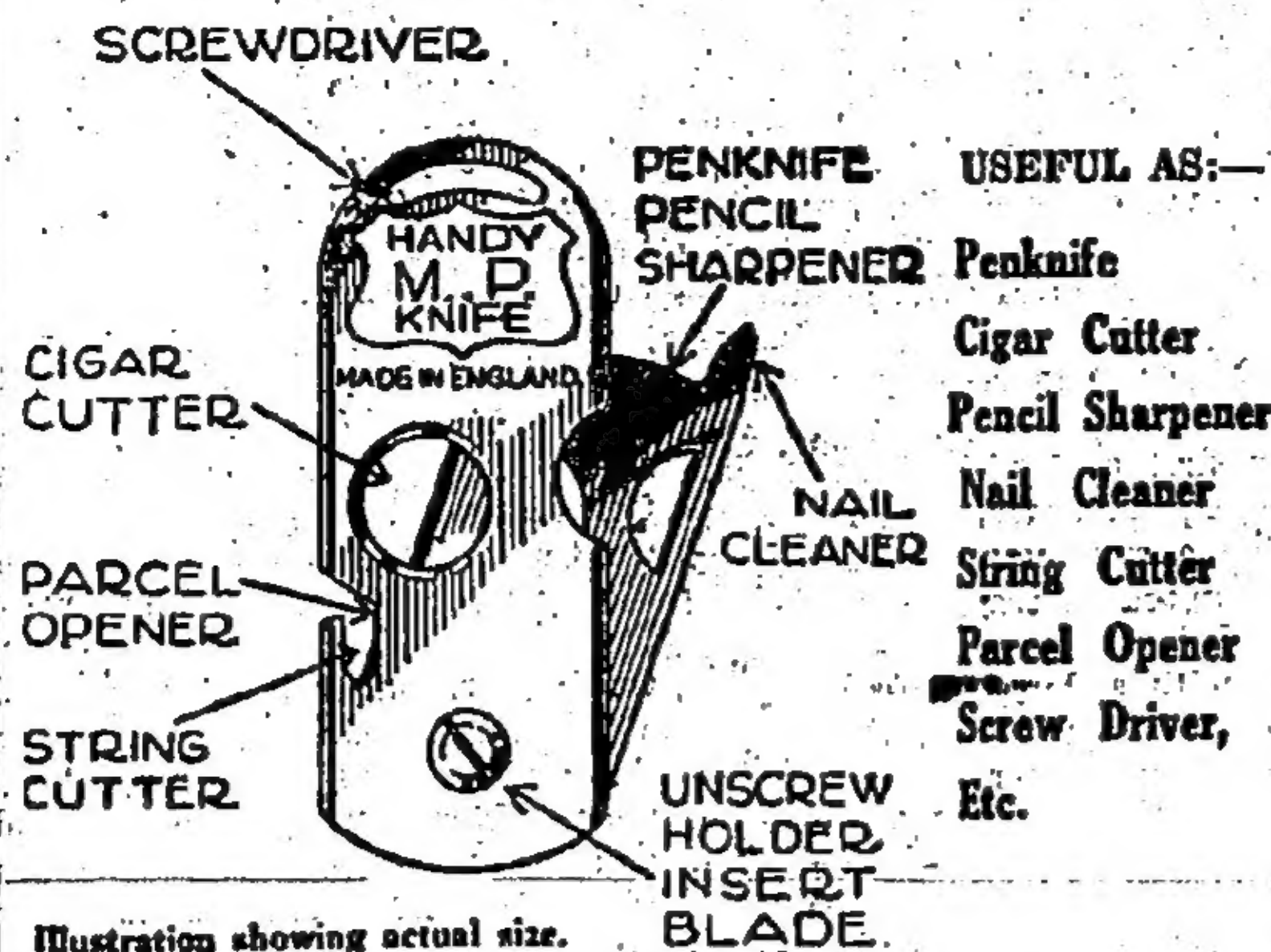


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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1932.

Irish Free State.

Sinn Fein's protest against the visit by the Prince of Wales to Belfast last month to open the new Parliamentary buildings was sheer impertinence. Sinn Fein cannot speak for Southern Ireland, and the writ of the latter's Government does not even run within that lawless country, let alone outside it. It was wholly proper for the Prince to attend an official ceremony in Northern Ireland, which through thick and thin has been steadfast in its loyalty to the British Throne. Of course the absurd was prompted by the same spirit which led Mr. de Valera to declare to Mr. Thomas at the recent conference—which, bought at Mr. de Valera's instance, was rendered abortive by his obstinacy—that the only solution of the Irish problem is the establishment of a United Irish Republic. Mr. de Valera again and again shows himself a stranger to realities. There is an ancient prophecy, attributed to St. Columbkille, that a Spaniard would save Ireland. Mr. de Valera is of Spanish descent, and this prediction may have had some influence on his career. But so far from being Ireland's saviour, his policy has brought Southern Ireland to the verge of ruin. Although his country is threatened with an economic crisis of the first magnitude he will not recede one iota from his stand in regard to his Government's financial obligations to Britain. The repudiation is costing the Free State a heavy price. The farmers were to have received the withheld land annuities. They have not received them. They were promised a subsidy as a set-off to the tariff duties imposed by Britain. It has not been paid. Many of them who voted in haste at the last election must now be repenting at leisure. Mr. de Valera's projected United Irish Republic is to have "some sort" of connection with the British "Commonwealth." It is not clear what sort of a connection could remain with a republic which, in the very name implies, would acknowledge

no allegiance to the Crown. Moreover, Mr. de Valera, with his habitual egotism, omits to consider the susceptibilities of Ulster, which in the present conditions of popular sentiment would roundly decline to be associated with an Irish republic. Has Mr. de Valera no memory? Does he not recall that the hostility of Northern and Southern Ireland was the chief obstacle to the grant of Home Rule, and that just before the war the North was prepared to take up arms to resist coercion? The North feared that it would be victimised and exploited by the South. The strength of Northern Ireland's objection to partnership with the South in an autonomous form of government was recognised by the Partition Act of 1920 and by the treaty. Although the North has a Parliament of its own it still sends members to Westminster. Referring to the question of union, Mr. Cosgrave has said: "The difficulty about dealing with Northern Ireland is that after the long and bitter feeling aroused by the events of the last few years, very little said and very little done would continue that bitter feeling. It must, in my opinion, be 'allowed to subside.' He was satisfied that, at the present stage, nothing was to be gained by overtures to the North. Time may allay suspicions and distrust. But Mr. de Valera's plan for a united Ireland is premature. In the Free State, comment on the collapse of the negotiations has been mixed in tenor. Several leading newspapers have been frankly disappointed, and express the hope that an escape from the impasse may yet be found. Mr. de Valera's journal congratulates him upon his firm stand. Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, said: "Let 'England put on a 100 per cent' tariff 'if she chooses; the Government will not care.' These are brave words, especially from one holding that portfolio; but the farmers will scarcely echo them. They have been cruelly hit by the new duties. The latest trade returns available are those for August. They report that the cattle exports to Britain were only about one-sixth in value of those in August, 1931, butter and bacon about one-quarter, and eggs, two-thirds. The comparative total decline for the month is over £1,600,000. In consequence of the retaliatory duties, British exports to the Free State have decreased during the same period, but the decrease is in no way comparable. Hearing Mr. Ryan's bold challenge, the Free State farmers must surely be delivered from their self-styled friends.

HERE. THERE and EVERYWHERE.

Cab Touts of London.

The cab-tout nuisance, dormant for a few years, seems to have started again.

There were many functions in London on a recent night—including an important premiere and some big dinners—and, the weather being execrable, cabs were much in demand. So the unpleasant old trick was revived of cabs turning up to meet emergency crowds with a tout clinging beside the driver.

"Ere you are, guv'nor, yours for a bob, was the usual offer. But some were higher.

In pouring rain, with womenfolk to shepherd, a man will usually pay up. It is a scandalous form of extortion, none the less, and one in which it is obvious some of the drivers must share.

Your Daily Smile.

SIMPLE, WATSON.

"What," asks a writer, "would you do if your doctor said you had only six months to live?" See another doctor.

To-day's Agony Ad.

"Twenty-stone driver would like to purchase baby sports car. One fitted with zip fastener preferred."

The Artful Dodger.

It is said that the oldest inhabitant of Chicago is now rapidly approaching middle age.

Attitude of League Members.

As a preliminary, there has been the spectacle of the members of the League, one-third of whom have not paid it their dues for two years, gathered in its Thirteenth Assembly, blaming it for the perilous state of the world while occupying themselves mainly with efforts to reduce its \$6,000,000 budget and at the same time to spend more of it on officials of their own nationality.

Honesty is the Best Policy.

Stockbrokers say that they have had such a bad year on 'Change that they are even filling in their income-tax forms correctly.

Facts You Did Not Know.

Nearly 40 per cent. of the Netherlands' 12,640 square miles consists of pasture and 26.5 per cent. of arable land.

Bakelite, which is waterproof and weighs 90 per cent. less than the usual tiles, is coming into use for covering roofs.

Germans have developed a sound amplifying device so delicate in operation that with it it is possible to hear grass grow.

About three fourths of the sugar consumed in the United States is imported from island possessions or foreign countries.

News in Brief.

The Management of The Hong Kong Hotel advises, that owing to the reservation of the Roof Garden Chinese Restaurant, to-night, by Sir Robert Ho Tung for a Special Chinese Dinner Party, the usual Roof Garden Tea Dance to-day, will commence at 4.30 p.m. and conclude at 6.30 p.m.

Chan Chi, a butcher, was brought before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning, charged with the murder of Ng Kam-chen, a fellow worker, at the Kennedy Town Slaughter House on December 10. On the application of Detective-Sergeant O'Donovan, accused was formally remanded for a week.

Mr. Ching Chin of the Central Executive Committee, Nanking, returned to Hong Kong yesterday having learned that Marshal Li Chai Sum, late Director General of Military Training, Nanking, had returned to the Colony. A discussion between Marshal Li and Mr. Ching took place immediately following the latter's arrival.

Owing to the phenomenal success of the new Ralph Lynn and Tom Walls play, "A Night Like This," now showing at the Central Theatre, the Management has decided to extend the season for one more day. Final showings will be tomorrow instead of to-day, and those who have not had the opportunity of seeing this excellent play, to be delivered from their self-styled friends.

GENEVA CROSSROADS

WORLD MAY REVERT TO WAR POLICY

LEAGUE FACES PERIOD OF HARD TRIAL

Geneva. The League of Nations, people everywhere say, is at the crossroads. There is Japan, taking the law into her own hands, and threatening to withdraw from the League, if it dares try apply the covenant, or even back up its own Lytton commission's declaration that in the interests of peace the new State of Manchukuo must be neither maintained nor recognised. There is Germany, again governed by Generals and Junkers, withdrawing from the Disarmament Conference—and threatening to withdraw from the League if she does not have her own way and at once. There is Italy poised uneasily on the fence.

There is Europe talking war as it has not talked since 1913. There is the economic world war entering its fourth winter, with England, that champion of the League's doctrine of free trade, finally following the others into the high-tariff camp of the United States and France. There are all these grave issues—Manchuria, disarmament, the preparations for the economic and financial conference—coming up together in Geneva this month in, at last, a take-it-or-leave-it form.

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Unless we have our way, say some, we will leave the League. Unless the League does something, unless Geneva stops talking and begins to act, say others, we cannot afford to spend any more money on the League or even pay our dues. And so they all pronounce that the League is now at the crossroads.

Where Roads Cross.

That seems quite clear—and it is confusion. There is undoubtedly a momentous crossroads confronting some one now. But it is not the League that is at the crossroads, except in the sense that the roads that cross are there. The League is not an entity as all the above implies; it is a method. It is not a super-State; it is, at most, at present, a method of preventing by the unanimous voluntary co-operation of all States the establishment of a super-State by the arms of one people or even by the voluntary agreement of them all.

The League is not of those entities which may exercise a choice; it is one of the alternatives to be chosen or rejected. It is the world, or, more accurately, Western civilization, that is again at the crossroads: Shall it continue with the new order which the League symbolizes? Or shall it take the road that goes back to 1914?

New Versus Old.

That choice can be stated in many other ways. It is the old choice between the civil and the military. It is the new choice between the doctrine that the salvation of man lies in recognizing the dependence of each nation upon the others, and the dogma that makes it lie in asserting the nation's independence. It is the old choice between the trial by law and the trial by arms. It is the new choice between the political necessities of a rising industrial age and the political traditions of a predominantly agricultural epoch. It is the old choice between will and was. It is the new choice between the theory of a world community and the fact of national sovereignty. It is Time's ever-renewing choice between the new and the old.

The clearest expression of these crossroads may be found, perhaps, in their disarmament phase, and these in what is called the German demand for equality. The forces of the old and the new order united at Versailles to impose on Germany a rigorous reduction of all her armaments. Those of the old order (represented chiefly by the French General Staff and the British Admiralty) sought to remove the plain reality of assuring the safety and supremacy by reducing

a dangerous but defeated adversary to a position where he could no longer attack. Those of the new order (represented chiefly by Wilson, Cecil and Bourgeois) sought to disarm Germany as part and parcel of their programme of substituting law for war.

Disarmament Pledged. It is clear that a period of transition is required in substituting law for war; the peace machinery must be built up while the war machinery is being torn down. Consequently those of the new order sought to use to their own ends the opportunity given them by the desire of the Old Guard to put Germany hors de combat. They did this by writing into the Treaty of Versailles the promise that German disarmament should be only the first step toward world disarmament, and by making this promise of world disarmament in Article VIII as essential an element in the Covenant of the League as the promise in Article X that all the members of the League would defend by force if need be, the territorial integrity and independence of every member against aggression.

Promises Broken.

Neither of these promises has been fulfilled. France, Britain, Japan and Italy entered the League, undertaking the obligations of Articles VIII and X on the assumption that the United States, having founded the League and being responsible for both articles, would join the new order too. The United States refused to give the for disarmament, she was willing to reduce only if her own navy became in the process equal to the biggest that remained, which is to say only if her armed strength relatively increased. On both these cardinal points the United States came out for the old order as such as the other great powers had pledged themselves to the new League order.

That changed the position fundamentally for the British, French, Japanese, Italians. To them the United States seemed almost ideally secure anyway. If, then, even this powerful placed country was afraid to trust its security to the League, could they who were more exposed trust what was left of the League and carry out their promise to reduce their arms down to the level to which they had reduced those of Germany?

OVERSEAS CHINESE ASSIST FUKIEN.

In Aeroplane Fleet Building Plan.

A sum of \$200,000 to be used for the purchase of aeroplanes in Fukien Province, has been offered by the Chinese residents of the Philippine Islands. Four Chinese representatives of the islands returned on Sunday from a visit to Fukien, where they saw General Tsai Ting-kai and Chiang Kwong-nai.

It is stated that the province plans the purchases of 100 aeroplanes at a cost of \$2,000,000, and the erection of an aerodrome in the interior. There are at present 140 unassociated airmen in the province.

Three British fighting planes arrived in the Colony yesterday for the Canton Government, and will be sent to the river port either to-day or to-morrow.

Personal Pars.

Mr. Torsten Andell, a prominent merchant from Stockholm, Sweden, is on his way round the world on the President Lincoln, on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Sir Robert Ho Tung spoke in Berlin during his recent visit there and drew an analogy between Germany and China in their times of crisis. Sir Robert recently returned to the Colony.

Mrs. D. James, a round the world passenger by the President Lincoln, has disembarked here. She intends spending a few days in the Colony, before proceeding to Singapore, where she will join some relatives.

ENGLISHMAN CHARGED AS STOWAWAY

Riotous Conduct On River Steamer.

DRAWS STIFF SENTENCE.

The story of how an unemployed Britisher attempted to get to Canton from Hong Kong by stowing away on the river steamer Sai On, and when handcuffed to a bunk tore two sleeping berths down and smashed a cabin door, was told by Police before Mr. Grantham in the Central Police Court this morning.

Appearing on remand was George Ernest John Allen, 25, on three charges of stowing away, malicious damage, and falling to return to the House of Detention on December 7. Defendant pleaded guilty to all charges and fines totalling \$150 or three months' gaol were imposed by his Worship.

Prosecuting Detective-Sergeant Allen said that on the night of December 10, while the Sai On was proceeding through Capsicum Pass on her journey to Canton, Captain Campbell, who was on the bridge, heard a noise. The Chief Officer and Pilot went to investigate and found Allen, apparently under influence of drink, behind a steel box. They took him to the Chinese saloon and there told him to lie down. He refused.

He was again seen on the sun deck, and this time was taken and handcuffed to a bunk in the Guard Room. About twenty minutes later the Chief Officer returned and found that defendant had broken down two sleeping berths and was using a board as a battling ram to smash the influence of drink, behind a steel cabin door. Damage to the extent of \$10 was done.

On arrival at Canton, Captain Campbell took Allen to the British Consul, who gave instructions for him to be taken to Hong Kong and be handed over to the Police.

Chief Warder G. L. Buchanan said that Allen was granted leave by the Superintendent of Prisons to obtain money so that he could be discharged from the House of Detention. He failed to return and was arrested by the Police.

CABINET CONSIDERS REPLY TO AMERICA.

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The Favourite Nation. The Chancellor of the Exchequer in written replies to Parliamentary questions says if the British war debt to the United States, had from outset been settled on same basis as the French war debt to the United States, the amount which the British Government has already paid would exceed the amount due on such a basis by \$795,700,000 and no further payment would be due until 1940.

Similarly, if the British war debt had been settled on the basis of the Italian settlement, no further payment would be due until 1955. If, however, the past payments were ignored and future payments in respect of actual capital debt now outstanding were made on the basis of the French Settlement, the amount payable by the British Government on December 15 would be \$22,000,000 instead of \$951,200,000 and similarly, if future payments were made on the basis of the Italian settlement, the amount payable on December 15 would be \$2,750,000 instead of \$951,200,000.

Approximately 20 per cent. of the British debt to the United States would have been paid off by the payments which Britain had already made if the settlement had been made on the same basis as either the French or Italian settlement.

Under the terms of the existing settlement only 4 per cent. of the capital debt has been repaid.—British Wireless Service.

CONTRABAND FOUND BY POLICE.

Chinese Runs When Officers Appear.

Six gunny sacks, containing approximately 275 lbs. of tobacco, on which duty had allegedly been evaded, were brought to the Kowloon City Police Station yesterday by Sergeant Dolg. They were being carried by a Chinese, who, on the approach of the Police, dropped the sacks and fled to the hillsides. A further search by Police on the foreshore at Ma Tau Kok revealed another four sacks of tobacco.

BARNESLEY SURPRISE CREWE.

Halifax Beat Southport At Home.

London, To-day. The following were the results of matches played in the Third Division (North) yesterday:—

Walsall 1 Accrington 0

Barnsley 7 Crewe 1

Halifax 1 Southport 0

—Reuter.

TABLE TO DATE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Chenier	18	10	4	4	24
Hull	16	9	3	4	22
Crewe	17	10	6	1	21
Gateshead	16	8	3	5	21
Wrexham	16	8	4	4	20
Southport	17	7	5	5	19
Barrow	16	7	4	5	19
Accrington	18	7	4	5	18
Walsall	18	8	8	2	18
Barnsley	18	7	7	4	18
Rochdale	17	7	7	3	17
Mansfield	17	6	6	5	17
Stockport	18	5	7	6	16
Doncaster	16	4	4	8	16
Carlisle	17	5	7	5	15
York	16	5	7	3	15
Tranmere	16	5	7	3	15
Bathurst	16	5	7	3	15
Halifax	17	5	9	3	13
New Brighton	17	4	10	3	11
Hartlepool	16	3	9	4	10
Darlington	16	3	9	4	10

FIERCE BLAZE GUTS NANKING FINANCE BLOCK

Ministerial Offices Badly Damaged.

MR. SOONG INVESTIGATES.

Nanking To-day. A disastrous fire broke out in the Ministry of Finance offices at Nanking, yesterday, 11 rooms in the Ministry being gutted, including the Secretary's office and two rooms containing valuable radio apparatus. The fire which broke out at 10 a.m., spread with remarkable rapidity and blazed fiercely until noon, but this did not prevent the staff from saving many important documents.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance, is at present investigating the cause of the fire.

TEA RESTRICTIONS NEARER NOW.

Dutch And British Co-Operation.

London, Today. The Financial Times' Amsterdam correspondent says a meeting of the Amsterdam Association for Tea Culture in the Dutch Indies has authorised a committee to conclude agreements in order to arrive at a restriction of tea exports, and also to take measures necessary to put such restrictions into operation and secure the co-operation of the Dutch Indies Government.

Now it is expected that the Ceylon and British Indian tea growers will soon take a parallel action. It is therefore confidently anticipated that the restriction scheme will shortly be submitted to the Governments of Ceylon, British India and the Dutch Indies.—Reuter.

PERSIA'S PROFIT FROM DARCY OIL CONCESSION.

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That clause never came into operation since the first exploitation company was duly formed within the prescribed period.

The concession provided for an annual payment to the Persian Government of 16 per cent. of the annual net profits of any companies formed to operate the concession. The total sum paid to the Persian Government in royalties up to December 31, 1931, amounted to £11,265,000.

The present holdings of the United Kingdom Government in the Anglo-Persian Company were 7,500,000 £1 shares, 1,000 £1 preference shares, and \$99,000 in 5 per cent. debentures. The total amount received by the United Kingdom Government from the company in dividends and interest up to the present time was \$9,977,34.—British Wireless Service.

Two Chinese lorry drivers who raced along the Main Road, near Quarry Bay, Police Station, on November 13, one trying to overtake the other on the train track, were fined \$15 each by Mr. Wynne-Jones in Police Court to-day.

RED ORGANISER SENT TO GAOL FOR PLOTTING

Sidney Elias Given Two-Year Term.

EARL RUSSELL'S FRIEND.

London, To-day. Sidney Elias, alleged Soviet agent, was sentenced to the maximum term of two years' imprisonment at Old Bailey.

Elias, who went free on \$1,000 bail, for which Earl Russell, the noted writer, and Mrs. Helen Allan, young auburn-headed reactionary, stood surety, was charged as a result of startling revelations of the alleged participation of the Soviet in the efforts to stir up strife in Britain. Elias, described as the Chairman of the National Unemployed Workers' Movement, was charged with inciting Walter Hain, leader of the unemployed movement, and a man named Llewellyn, to cause public discontent and disturbances against the police.

The Prosecution said that the movement was responsible for the organisation of the unemployed march on November 4. Elias was apparently in Russia last September and was acting under the instructions of a section of the Third International, which directed the unemployed movement all over the world.—Reuter.

HONG KONG RADIO ACTIVITIES.

Broadcasting Report For The Month.

The Hong Kong Broadcasting Committee's report for November states that the actual hours of transmission amounted to 272.75 of which 172.50 were devoted to European programmes and 100.25 to Chinese programmes.

An outstanding item in the report is that 143 new wireless licences were issued during the month.

During the two days that the Radio Exhibition was in progress, European music was broadcast continuously.

Some interesting lectures were featured in the studio transmissions, amongst which "Western Australia" by Professor Brown, and "Thoughts During The Two Minutes silence," by the Rev. Lewis Bryan, were outstanding.

Band concerts by regimental and ships' bands were prominently featured throughout the month.

CHINESE DRIVER PAY \$40 FINE.

Charge Resulted From Accident.

Damage to the extent of \$300 was suffered by a car, owned by Mr. Black, U. S. Vice-Consul in Hong Kong, when it was struck by a Shek O Club lorry on the Shek O Road on November 13. Mr. Wynne-Jones was told in Police Court to-day. The accident occurred on a curve 200 yards from the Island Road, and Mr. Black's car was for some time in not being sent over the embankment.

The lorry driver, Chan On, was summoned before His Worship, for dangerous driving. Traffic Inspector Alexander stated that defendant's speed was about 30 miles per hour, this statement being confirmed by Mr. Black.

Defendant, it was stated, had been previously warned by the I. G. P., and fined for speeding. A fine of \$40 was imposed.

WARNING SIGNS TO BE POSTED.

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The summons arose out of a collision between defendant's and another lorry at the junction of Queen's Road Central and Wardley Street, referred to by the Magistrate as "a very bad spot." Defendant, it was alleged, drove out of Wardley Street without sounding his horn or reducing his speed.

Mr. W. T. Lewis, of the Statistical Department, who witnessed the collision from his office verandah at Beaconsfield Arcade, stated, in the witness box, that it was the most flagrant piece of dangerous driving he had ever seen. The defendant's lorry struck the side of the other lorry, sending it against the steps at the bottom of Battery Path, opposite the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank building. The lorry driver was fined \$25.

To-Day's Short Story.

THE JAR

By Luigi Pirandello.

THE olive crop was a bumper one that year: the trees had flowered luxuriantly the year before, and, though there had been a long spell of misty weather at the time, the fruit had set well. Lolla Zirafa had a fine plantation on his farm at Primosole. Reckoning that the five old jars of glazed earthenware which he had in his wine-cellar would not suffice to hold all the oil of that harvest, he had placed an order well beforehand at Santo Stefano Di Camastra, where they are made. His new jar was to be of greater capacity—breast high and pot-belied; it would be the mother-superior to the little community of five other jars.

I need scarcely say that Don Lollo Zirafa had had a dispute with the potter concerning this jar. It would indeed be hard to name anyone with whom he had not picked a quarrel; for every trifle—he it merely a stone that had fallen from his boundary wall, or a handful of straw—he would shout out to the servants to saddle his mule, so that he could hurry to the town and file a suit.

He had half-ruined himself, because of the large sums he had had to spend on court fees and lawyers' bills, bringing actions against one person after another, which always ended in his having to pay the costs of both sides. People said that his legal adviser grew so tired of seeing him appear two or three times a week that he tried to reduce the frequency of his visits by making him a present of a volume which looked like a prayer-book; it contained the judicial code—the idea being that he should take the trouble to see for himself what the rights and wrongs of the case were before hurry to bring a suit.

Previously, when anyone had a difference with him, they would try to make him lose his temper by shouting out "Saddle the mule!" but now they changed it to "Go and look up your pocket-code!" Don Lollo would reply: "That I will and I'll break the lot of you, you —!"

CANADA'S GOLD PRODUCTION.

Mining Industry Thriving.

Toronto, Dec. 1.

With more than \$31,000,000 realized by Ontario's gold production during the first seven months of the year, the all-Canada gold production record of \$55,000,000 in 1931 will be shattered in 1932, President G. W. Nicholson, of the Standard Stock and Mining Exchange, believes.

Official figures show Ontario setting the pace at \$53,000,000 "leap" for the current year, and the monthly average production to the end of the year should be increased rather than decreased, June and July output being at the rate of approximately \$56,000,000 a year. Production in other provinces has continued comparatively high throughout the year.

The extent to which Canada's gold production is increasing is shown by a comparison with figures issued by the Bureau of Statistics for 1930. That year the all-Canada yield was 2,102,068 fine ounces for a total value of \$43,458,601. This was increased by more than \$12,000,000 last year and should be increased by considerably more again in 1932.

DOLLAR DECLINES FRACTIONALLY.

Follows Silver In Slow Decline.

The local dollar declined 1/8, being quoted at 1/8 5/8 this morning. Spot silver fell 1/16 again, being quoted at 17 1/2, forward silver declining a similar fraction to 17 1/2.

The pound showed slight improvement, the London on New York cross-rate being given at 48.25 1/8, against 48.25 yesterday, and the New York on London rate in 4.6825 1/8, as compared with 4.6825 1/4 yesterday.

In course of time, the new jar, for which he had paid the goodly sum of four florins, duly arrived; until room could be found for it in the wine cellar, it was lodged in the crushing shed for a few days. Never had there been a finer jar. I was quite distressing to see it lodged in that foul den, which reeked of stale grape juice and had that dusty smell of places deprived of light and air.

It was now two days since the harvesting of the olives had begun, and Don Lollo was almost beside himself, having to supervise, not only the men who were beating down the fruit from the trees, but also a number of others who had come with mule loads of manure to be deposited in heaps on the hill side, where he had a field in which he was going to sow beans for the next crop.

He felt that it was really more than one man could manage. He was at his wife's ends whom to attend to: cursing like a trooper, he vowed he would exterminate, first this man and then that, if an olive—one single olive—was missing; he almost talked as if he had counted them.

TO-MORROW'S STORY.

To-morrow's short story will be "Kerrigan and the Blackmailers," by Neil Gordon.

one by one, on his trees; then he would turn to the muleteers and utter the direst threats as to what would happen, if any one heap of manure were not exactly the same size as the others. A little white cap on his head, his sleeves rolled up and his shirt open at the front, he rushed here, there and everywhere; his face was a bright red and poured with sweat, his eyes glared about him wolfishly, while his hands rubbed angrily at his shaven chin, where a fresh growth of beard always sprouted the moment the razor had left it.

At the close of the third day's work three of the farm hands—rough fellows with dirty, brutish faces—went to the crushing-shed; they had been beating the olive trees and went to replace their ladders and poles in the shed. They stood aghast at the sight of the fine new jar in two pieces, looking for all the world as if someone had caught hold of the bulging front and cut it off with a sharp sweep of the knife.

"Oh, my God! Look! Look!"

"How on earth has that happened?"

"My holy aunt! When Don Lollo hears of it! The new jar! What a pity, though!"

The first of the three, more frightened than his companions, proposed to shut the door again at once and to sneak away very quietly, leaving their ladders and poles outside leaning up against the wall; but the second took him up sharply.

"That's a stupid idea! You can't try that on Don Lollo. As like as not he'd believe we broke it ourselves. No, we all stay here!"

He went out of the shed and, using his hands as a trumpet, called out:

"Don Lollo! Oh! Don LOLLO-OOOO!"

When the farmer came up and saw the damage he fell into a towering passion. First he vented his fury on the three men. He seized one of them by the throat, pinned him against the wall, and shouted:

"By the Virgin's blood, you'll pay for that!"

The other two sprang forward in wild excitement, fell upon Don Lollo and pulled him away. Then his mad rage turned against himself; he stamped his feet, flung his cap on the ground, and slapped his cheeks, bewailing his loss with screams suited only for the death of a relation.

"The new jar! A four-florin jar! Brand new!"

Who could have broken it? Could it possibly have broken of itself? Certainly someone must have broken it, out of malice or from envy at his possession of such a beauty. But when? How? There was no sign of violence. Could it conceivably have come in a broken condition from the pottery? No, it rang like a bell on its arrival.

As soon as the farm hands saw that their master's first outburst of rage was spent, they began to console him, saying that he should not take it so to heart, as the jar could



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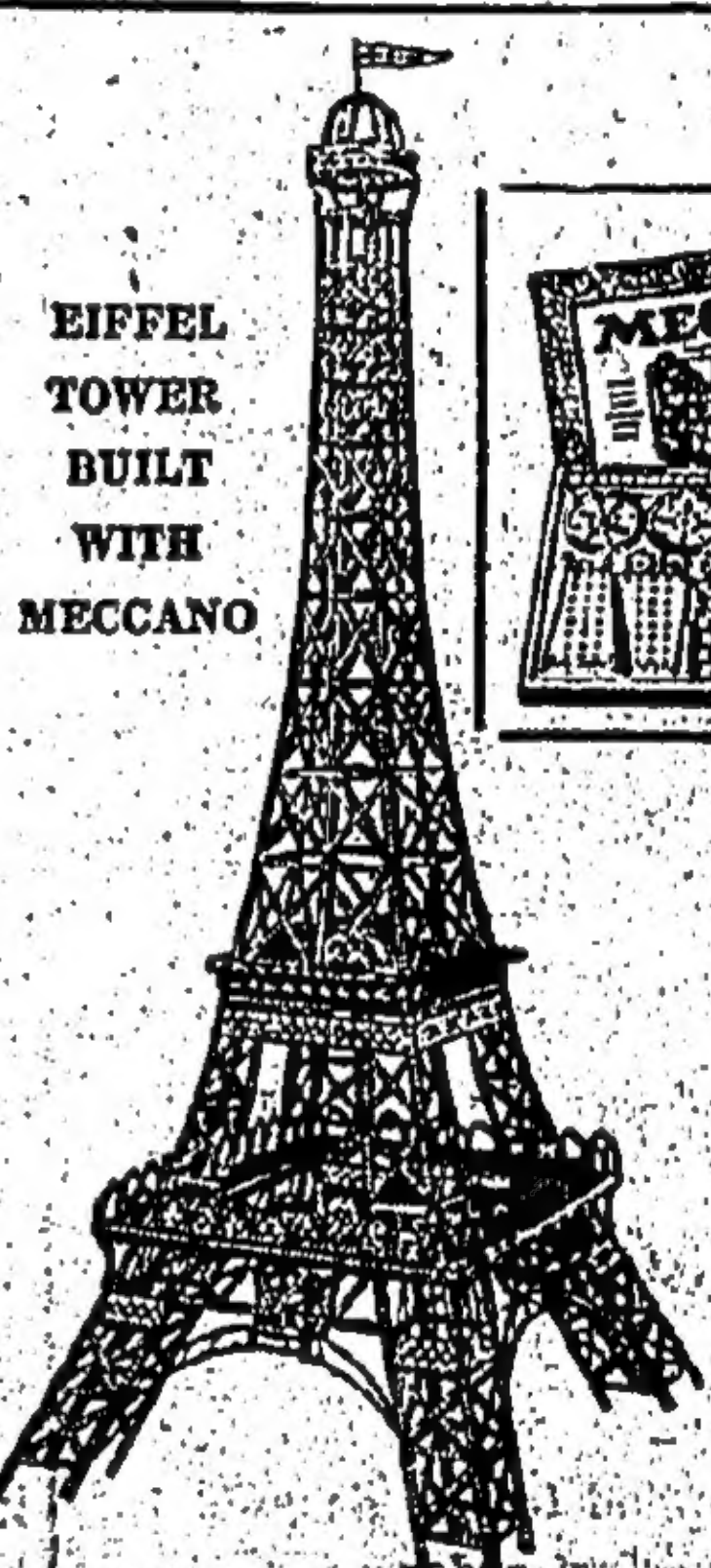
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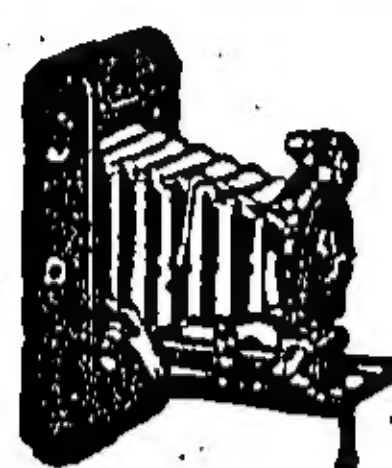
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Club Hockey Team Strengthened By Return of Owen Hughes on Thursday

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Early in New Year

LEE'S SPECIAL GOAL-KEEPING APPAREL

GURBACHAN SINGH LEADS MAMAK TOURNEY GOAL-SCORERS
WITH WHITEWAY-WILKINSON SECOND.

(By Centre Half.)

THE German Club, who are among the lowly placed teams in the Mamak Tournament, are to be heartily congratulated on recording their first victory after eight successive defeats. Constant practice and keenness has been of inestimable value in the building up of the German Club eleven, and their present form shows a marked improvement. In Ammann they have a goalkeeper of good standing, while Schuldt in partnership with May, their popular skipper, in a stout defender. Reinecke secured the "hat-trick" on Sunday, but the R.A.O.C. are a weak eleven—they have yet to record a victory and register their first goal!

H. W. LEE, the Pembroke College goalkeeper, in making his debut in the Hong Kong Hockey Club first team last Wednesday against the Lincolnshire Regimental XI, had little to do. It is of interest to local custodians that Lee wore a special type of flannel trousers with zip fasteners on the outside of each leg. Together with pads, such an apparel is extremely comfortable to a goal-keeper on a cold day. Lee will be seen in action again to-morrow when the Club meet H.M.S. Hermes on the Naval ground at 5 p.m.

E. C. FINCHER, who has scored six goals for the St. Andrew's Club this season in the Mamak Tournament, will be seen on the left wing for the Club first eleven to-morrow. Fincher last season was in one of the Club's best teams in that position. The Club, who enjoyed an easy victory over the Lincolnshire Regimental XI, will be represented by the following to-morrow: H.M.S. Hermes—H. W. Lee; J. Rodger, E. V. Reed; W. Reed, A. A. Dand, J. E. Potter; J. L. Tetley, W. E. Williams, C. C. Francis, A. T. Lay and E. O. Fincher.

GURBACHAN SINGH, of the Radio with 24 goals to his credit, tops the goal scoring list in the Mamak Tournament to date this season. Lieut. Whiteaway-Wilkinson (Signals) is second with 22, while A. E. P. Guest (St. Andrew's) has collected no fewer than 20. Other leading goal scorers are as follows:—Hawgood (Medway) 12, R. C. Reed (Incegnitos) 7, E. C. Fincher (St. Andrew's) 6, Lieut.

MacFarlan (H.K.S.R.A.) 6, Lieut. Commander Tetley (Tamar) 6, and W. Jones (Signals), Kalwant Singh (Radio) Awtar Singh (Radio), Barnett (Phoenix), E. F. Fincher (St. Andrew's) and O. de Sousa (University) 5 each.

THE Y.M.C.A. first eleven, who only recently played a drawn game with the strong Borderers combination, the same side that defeated the Club by the only goal scored in their previous game—have been invited by the Macao Hockey Club to send a team up on January 8. On the last visit, Macao won by the odd goal in seven in a very fast game. The "Y" will probably be represented by the following:—L. D. Skinner; A. Tate, E. O. Murphy; R. Bates, D. McLellan (Captain), F. S. Smith; J. M. Wilson, G. C. Burnett, W. J. Brown, G. H. Fowler or C. Balman, R. Baldwin or T. J. Price.

G. H. Fowler, who seriously injured his eye in a recent water polo match in the Y.M.C.A. bath, is a doubtful starter. Although he is out of hospital now, Fowler has not yet fully recovered. Incidentally, it is interesting to note that Fowler broke no less than three sticks in the "Y's" match against the Borderers!

HARRY OWEN HUGHES, the Importer cricketer, Sim Shield and Club first eleven hockey player, is returning to the Colony on Thursday from Hong Kong. Owen Hughes is one of the best right wingers in the Colony, and was a stalwart in the Club's attack in the Sim Shield series last season. Owen Hughes netted 6 goals during that season. His return to the Club team will greatly strengthen the already formidable attack, and with the return of G. E. R. Divett towards the end of this month, the Club's chances for retaining the trophy look extremely rosy.

SATURDAY will witness the commencement of the fourth competition for the Caer Clark Cup, which has been won by the Hong Kong Ladies Hockey Club for the past three seasons.

The holders' closest rivals, the St. Andrew's Club Ladies, holders of the Southern Runners-up cup, which was presented by Mrs. W. T. Fincher (St. Andrew's) 6, Lieut.

strong bid to wrest the trophy from the holders. To date this year the Saints have defeated the Hong Kong Ladies first team twice, once on the Marina sand ground when they won by the odd goal in five, and recently on the U.S.R.C. ground, when the Saints were victorious by 3 goals to nil. On Saturday, St. Andrew's defeated the H. K. Ladies "A" by the odd goal in three. St. Andrew's chances are indeed good this season.

THE Caer Clark competition will begin with the biggest clash that between the Hong Kong Ladies and St. Andrew's Club Ladies. Victory for the Saints in this match is vital, as there is no telling what a defeat may mean. E. M. Gray, Hong Kong Ladies' best full back, who was injured in October, has since been in hospital, and it is doubtful as to whether she will play on Saturday. Both teams have able leaders in E. Bonnar (Hong Kong) and M. Woolley (St. Andrew's), and both defences are fairly equally balanced.

L. WOOLLEY, one of the St. Andrew's Ladies stalwart defenders, was injured in their match against the Deep Sea Scouts eleven on Thursday last. She was struck on the head by the ball, but fortunately the injury was not serious. She will probably be playing on Saturday in the big match. St. Andrew's will, however, be losing their goalkeeper, Mrs. R. Rose, who is leaving the Colony on December 28. Mrs. Rose has kept goal for many seasons, and is a goalkeeper of no mean ability. Her absence will be keenly felt, and her substitute will probably be J. Bryson who has recently joined the team.

THE poor support lent to the movement to revive the C. B. A. Ladies team last Thursday, when only four were present for practice, is most discouraging. They will be playing their first match in the Caer Clark Competition on January 7 when they meet St. Andrew's. At present the members of the revived team are M. Whitley, A. E. Steele, E. Carroll, G. MacNider, Miss Ambrose, M. Warner. It is understood that Mrs. Dand, former goalkeeper for the former Kowloon Ladies' team, is joining the C.B.A. eleven.

PHOENIX BEAT K.I.T.C.

Ten Men Win By
3 To 1

At King's Park yesterday afternoon, H.M.S. Phoenix, fielding only ten men, defeated the Kowloon Indians Tennis Club by 3 goals to 1 in a Mamak Tournament match.

After ten minutes of play Pearce, on the left wing, scored for the Phoenix, and before the interval L. Rimington, receiving a pass from Barnett, added a second goal. In the second half, Pearce again scored from a scrimmage. Shortly after Ahmed Khan, decreased the deficit from a pass from Firdos Khan.

For the Phoenix, Rimington and Pearce were outstanding in the forward line.

For the K.I.T.C. M. Shaif was prominent at centre-forward, but he badly lacked support. In the defence, Naidu was outstanding.

R.A.S.C. WIN
In a friendly match on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday afternoon, the R.A.S.C. defeated the R.A.M.C. by 3 goals to 1.

"Y" LADIES LOSE 2-1
At Sooknupoo, the Royal Engineers beat the "Y" Ladies by the odd goal in three. Harding scored first for the soldiers, but B. Walker equalised before the interval. In the second half Harding scored the winning goal. The Ladies fielded only ten players and accepted

the services of an R.E. player for the wing position.
"Y" Ladies:—L. Carr; K. Hamilton, A. Fowler; B. Bloomenthal, M. Mason (Captain), M. Gardiner; M. Tillery, S. Dalziel, B. Walker, R. Blackmore and A. N. Other.

MAMAK TOURNAMENT.

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R.C. Signals	11	8	2	1	34	13	17
R.A.S.C.	14	7	5	2	20	21	16
St. Andrew's	9	7	1	1	35	9	15
Incegnitos	7	7	0	0	27	3	14
Medway	11	5	2	4	22	10	14
Police	6	4	1	1	12	9	9
R.E.	13	4	8	1	14	29	9
University	6	4	2	0	14	12	8
Phoenix	8	3	3	2	18	17	8
12th R.A.	7	3	8	1	12	10	7
R.A.M.C.	11	2	6	3	8	19	7
Wishart	5	3	2	0	10	15	6
Veteran	5	2	3	0	4	7	4
Tamar	9	1	5	1	7	21	3
24th R.A.	7	1	5	1	7	21	3
20th R.A.	7	1	5	1	5	15	3
Farthing	4	1	2	0	6	11	2
German Club	3	1	8	0	6	39	2
R.A.O.C.	8	0	7	1	0	21	1
K.I.T.C.	10	0	0	1	5	38	1
8th Destroyers	1	0	1	0	1	2	0

KENT BILLIARDS WIN

H. M. S. Kent defeated the Royal Army Service Corps by 2 games to 1 in the First Round of the N.S. Billiards Cup at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Wan-chai last night.

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NEW GOAL RUSH INDISPENSABLE THRILL IN FOOTBALL

WHY TINKER WITH THE OFFSIDE
RULING?

BY DAVID JACK

(Arsenal And England)

A NEW goal rush is taking place, with Arsenal in the lead with fifteen goals from their last two League matches and an illuminating average of six for the last three. If this state of things continued indefinitely, we are told, Association football would inevitably lose still more of its popularity and support, for although the public attend matches in the hope of seeing plenty of goals there will come a time when they will be too common to be attractive.

I wonder can this be applied to a movement said to be on foot across the Border? The Scottish Football Association alone are entitled to broach the subject of a return to the old offside rule—I am presuming that they have that intention—because I believe they very reluctantly agreed to the change to the prevailing ruling; at the same time, I very much doubt whether the enthusiastic and regular follower of the game is desirous of either alteration in this particular law or a definite drop in the average number of goals a match.

NUMBERS AND QUALITY.

Arsenal's eight against Leicester City and seven against Wolverhampton Wanderers have of course been very exceptional performances, both as regards the number of goals registered and the quality of the play that led up to most of them. A deterrent would certainly be necessary but for the latter consideration, which is of paramount importance—especially in view of the many sporting counter-attractions. Arsenal have been concerned with a total of 63 goals in 18 League matches to date, an average of five, that may fairly be described as a "scoring ramp" in comparison with some past seasons—but an average that is more likely to prove attractive than anything else.

REFLECTIONS.

The introduction of the new off-side rule was a distinct reflection on forwards, for it was brought into being solely and

simply because of the many irritating stoppages caused by the off-side trap—which any intelligent forward should have been capable of avoiding. Now that it has accomplished its main purpose, the revised edition is made responsible for the so-called helter-skelter rush to the exclusion of close combination, the wing-half and his inside and outside forward, the cheapening of goals—and, most humorous of all, the dearth of clever inside-forwards.

I see no reason at all why a simple change of ruling should have a detrimental effect on the development of a natural footballer, neither do I agree that such a change necessarily hampers a team in its efforts to play the game as it should be played. Arsenal have on many occasions given exhibitions that could fairly be described as football perfection—and scored prolifically into the bargain.

IT IS ESSENTIAL.

I see precious little indication that the genius of Alex James has been smothered out of recognition in the "helter-skelter" rush of the modern school, and my own goal-scoring record belies the charge that an inside-forward who drops back a little either to support the defence or to form a connecting link between the "third-back" and the remaining three advance forwards cannot be a great asset in the attack.

Goal-scoring is by no manner of means all of Association football, but it is an essential part of the game that provides a thrill—an almost indispensable thrill—for spectators and players, writes David Jack in "The Evening Standard." I always hesitate before I turn back the pages of my football history to the day when I had the pleasure of registering my first League goal. I doubt Wanderers, but I have been asked how many goals I have scored in First Division football and to name those that stand out in memory—a somewhat perplexing and considerably more difficult task than it was when brought into being solely and

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SPORT PAGE



PORTUGAL beat Scotland by 3 goals to 1 in the First Round of the Sunday Herald Charity Cup competition on Saturday. Above are the two teams, left to right standing:—Blackburn, McDonald, Greenhalghs, G. S. Rodger, Tillery, "Andy" Duncan, A. V. Gosane (Capt., Portugal), R. Silva-Netto, L. Rocha, N. Beltrao, L. Fernandez, F. A. Santos; (seated):—McGinnies, Hill, G. Duncan, Sands, McKelvie (Capt., Scotland), V. Costa, L. Souza and R. Marques.

Club At Full Strength Against Kowloon On Saturday

Ricketts Takes 6 Wickets In 8 Balls In First Match In Three Years!

(By ATHOLE).

TWO very strong combinations will be on view on Saturday when the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Hong Kong Cricket Club clash at the K.C.C. in a First League fixture. The bat should beat the ball and a draw is the probable result if present form is to act as a pointer. The K.C.C. wicket is in splendid condition and provided the wicket is not watered too freely it should prove a fast one, and a batsman's paradise. A tremendous amount is going to depend on the winning of the toss.

THE Club will have Harry Owen-Hughes back in their side. He will, however, be very much out of practice, and it will come as a surprise if he lives up to his former reputation of being Hong King's most useful all-rounder. T. A. Pearce, the son of the well-known "Tam", will be making his debut. He too will be handicapped in that he has just recovered from a brief illness, but from what was seen of him at Friday's nets he should render a good account of himself. He will probably open the innings with E. R. Duckitt.

ANOTHER newcomer in the Club side is J. Ricketts who proved so successful on Saturday in the Inter-Club game at the H.K.C.C. Standing nearly 6 ft. 4 in. in height Ricketts bowls, curiously enough, a slow ball. He spins the ball cleverly from either the leg or the off, but his chief asset is the way he flights his delivery with a slight variation of pace which is almost indiscernable. On Saturday he took the wickets of Lt. Garthwaite, C. A. Wright, L. A. Whipples, J. Sunley, C. E. R. Clara, but and Alan Reid in eight balls for no runs! Three of his victims were given out for obstruction, showing the subtlety of his flighting of the ball.

THIS was the first game in which Ricketts had participated during the last three years! He is better known as the Oxford University soccer goalkeeper of 1930. In that year he represented the Dark Blues in the "Varsity" match at Stamford Bridge, and, curiously enough, J. Edwards, son of Mr. G. G. Edwards of the Hong Kong University, was "between the sticks" at the other end; Ricketts has played a considerable amount of good-class soccer, having turned out for Oxford, the Corinthians, the Casuels, and Southampton in friendly matches. He intends keeping up the game while in Hong Kong, though he thinks that he will give cricket his major attention. Ricketts is also a very fine tennis player, having represented Hamp-

shire in the County Championships, and he hopes to play for the H.K.C.C. in the League next Summer. Though showing an aptitude for cricket Ricketts never succeeded in getting further than playing for Hertford College, Oxford, his tennis and football commanding his fullest attention.

THE Kowloon side are making no changes from their usual League side, the claims of C. I. Stapleton, the former Interporter, being discounted after his slow exhibition of batting on Saturday. Against the Navy second eleven he was undefeated for 60 scored out of 144, but in spite of ten boundary hits his effort lasted nearly two hours. He is finding the light troublesome, and his timing needs to be improved before he can regain his 1932 status.

KOWLOON have played two League games to date, having beaten the Army and drawn with the Navy, while the Club have beaten the senior service in their only game. The last time the two sides met in a league encounter on the K.C.C. ground was in the 1930-31 season, and on that occasion the game was left drawn. Kowloon declared at 164 for 3, "Bill" Bracs (58) and "Ernie" Fincher (71) being associated in a big second wicket partnership. The Club lost four wickets for 87 runs before stumps were drawn, "Tam" Pearce (32) and Eric Mitchell (27) sending up the half-century for the first wicket.

The following are the players who took part in that game and who will be on view on Saturday: E. J. R. Mitchell, E. R. Duckitt, H. Owen-Hughes, O. E. C. Marton, A. Reid and A. C. Beck of the Club, and E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, W. C. Hung, J. C. Lyl, F. Goodwin, G. C. Burnett and F. S. W. Smith of Kowloon.

I am glad to see that D. S. Hatley has secured his place. He has shown splendid promise on the few occasions he has been seen this season, and if only he will resist the temptation of nibbling at the ball just wide of the off stick he will make many big scores before the season concludes. Though possessing some very fine off shots he is decidedly weak on the leg side, and a ball pitching on his legs and breaking across the wicket very often has him in difficulties.

JAMES WHITHAM has forsaken Cricket for Rugby! It is a great pity as Whitham has been showing excellent form with the bat, but it must be remembered that Rugby is his first love—he just missed a Blue at Cambridge in 1927 through injury. John Roberts, the Welsh International, taking his place at the last minute.

THE Club have a more varied attack than their Kowloon rivals. A. C. Beck, the fast bowler who has already taken over 50 wickets this season, will probably open with J. Ricketts or Alan Reid with H. Owen-Hughes and E. R. Duckitt as change bowlers. The duel between Ricketts and Arthur Lay, the quick-scoring K.C.C. batsman, should prove extremely interesting. If only Lay made better use of his feet, he would have no need to treat the slow bowler with the respect that he does. C. B. R. Sargent dismissed him in both innings of the two-day fixture, with the Club, and it will be interesting to see what effect Ricketts or Owen Hughes will have on him.

KOWLOON will probably open with G. C. Burnett and F. Goodwin, if the K.C.C. skipper has recovered from his strained muscle. On Saturday he bowled only 5 overs against the Navy, and that was because he was forced to, J. C. Lyl and I. McInnes will be the first change bowlers with F. S. W. Smith as Lyl's understudy. McInnes is bowling well at the moment—the ball that bowled Hughie Lim at the K.C.C. two Sundays ago was the best I have seen this season.

THE following have been selected to represent the Club on Saturday, players being mentioned in the probable batting order: E. R. Duckitt, T. A. Pearce, H. Owen-Hughes, O. E. C. Marton, D. S. Hatley, A. W. Hayward (Captain), E. J. R. Mitchell, G. S. Dunkley, A. C. Beck, A. Reid and J. Ricketts.

THE following will represent Kowloon in their right batting order: E. C. Fincher, A. T. Lay, E. F. Fincher, W. C. Hung, I. McInnes, A. E. Perry, N. A. E. MacKay, G. C. Burnett, F. S. W. Smith, J. C. Lyl and F. Goodwin (Captain).

THE Club Juniors should win comfortably against the K.C.C. team on the H.K.C.C. ground. In A. K. Mackenzie, H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, L. D. Kilbee and R. S. W. Patterson they have five batsmen of outstanding merit in junior cricket. Patterson has already scored a century against the K.C.C. attack, and that was when F. S. W. Smith was in the side, while Kilbee has also reached three figures this season. The Kowloon batting has been considerably strengthened by the inclusion of C. I. Stapleton, but apart from F. E. Lawrence, the skipper for the side, A. A. Dand and George Lee the batting strength is not impressive. R. J. K. Walker has proved himself a useful all-rounder, and H. Hampton may come off on Saturday when all runs will prove valuable to the visitors.

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ROWLES WINS COLONY CHAMPION CAUSES SENSATION.

Points Decision Over Welsh Boxer In 15 Rounds.

IN-FIGHTING SUPERIORITY.

SEAMAN HARRY ROWLES, former Hong Kong Heavy-weight Boxing Champion, has caused a sensation by defeating the Welsh boxer, Toh Benjamin, on points in a 15-round fight at Chatham.

London, November 7. Seaman Harry Rowles (Chatham) scored a surprise points' win over Tom Benjamin (Wales) in a 15-round contest at Ilford Rink yesterday. Benjamin, who had won two fights during the week, failed to hold the seaman, who did useful work with both hands and outfought Benjamin when it came to in-fighting.

Rowles, who appeared to be much heavier than Benjamin, adopted the right tactics when making it a close-range fight. He walked into the Welshman and plied both hands solidly to the body.

The seaman came out of a spell of in-fighting with his right eye damaged, and it looked as though Benjamin would win through. Injury, but the wound yielded to treatment. Benjamin at times made the Chatham man miss badly with clever head work and body swinging. Had the Welshman kept the fight at long range he would have fared much better, but Rowles seized every opportunity to get inside until the final gong.

It will be recalled that Rowles won his last fight in the Colony in 1930 when he knocked out Marine Smith in the second round of a ten-round fight at the City Hall. It was a doubtful blow that gave him a win on that occasion, and the reception of the referee's verdict was received with very mixed feelings.

THE Kowloon attack is weaker than their batting. H. Overy, P. O. Dunne, G. Lee and R. J. K. Walker will probably bear the brunt of the bowling. The Club have A. D. Lowson, a medium paced bowler who has taken a lot of wickets this season, R. S. W. Patterson and C. B. R. Sargent, the slow bowler who skittled out Oxford in the "Varsity" match on the Club ground. C. A. Wright and L. D. Kilbee can also be called upon for an over or two.

THE following will represent the Club second eleven in their League game against the K.C.C. on the H.K.C.C. ground on Saturday: C. E. Gahagan (Captain), A. K. Mackenzie, H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, L. D. Kilbee, A. D. Lowson, R. S. W. Patterson, P. W. J. Planner, J. E. Potter, C. B. R. Sargent and C. A. Wright.

THE following will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club second eleven on the H.K.C.C. ground on Saturday: F. E. Lawrence (Captain), A. Dand, C. I. Stapleton, D. S. Green, G. A. White, G. Lee, H. Overy, H. Hampton, R. J. K. Walker, P. O. Dunne and A. R. F. Raven.

I could not understand the policy of Frank Goodwin when he decided to bat first in the League match against the Navy on Saturday. The Navy were without Lt. Comdr. Shaw and Capt. Burnett, two of their best batsmen, and considering the poor light always experienced in the early afternoon on the King's Park ground, it seemed the best thing to give the Navy the first use of the matting wicket. Kowloon, however, batted first and half the side were back in the pavilion for 48 runs only. McInnes (62) and F. S. W. Smith (24) snatching the side for total 165. The Navy forced a draw, and Kowloon suffered a check which may well cost them the championship.

Navy Chances Not Bright For Saturday

Arrival of Cornwall May Reveal Talent

GOLDMAN NOT PLAYING TO-MORROW

(By Scrum Half.)

L. Goldman, who played inside to G. R. More in the 1931 Inter-port against Shanghai at the Valley, is not playing against the Kowloon fifteen to-morrow. He will make his first appearance since his return from leave in the Club "A" side next Wednesday. Should Goldman come up to expectations Hong Kong will have a splendid array of talent behind the scrum for their visit to Shanghai. J. P. Whitham will fill the full back position and the probable three quarter line will be G. P. Lammer, R. H. Griffiths, L. Goldman and J. J. Ferguson. M. W. Turner and J. A. R. Selby will be the half backs, providing "Jake" has recovered sufficiently from his spell in hospital. Goldman will be seriously challenged by L. G. Robertson for the centre position, and he will have to reveal his best form if he is to displace Ferguson on the wing.

A. K. Munro looks as if he has made certain of his place in the Club pack. On Saturday he gave a rousing display in the loose, but the Club will have to find two middle row forwards strong enough to hold him on Saturday. McElney was getting the ball back cleanly time and again, but it came out sideways to Macintosh owing to the fact that W. E. Peers and D. McLellan were unable to check the powerful shove of Munro to one side of the scrum. In J. C. Millar A. K. Munro and A. P. Hall-Thomson the Club have a very fine back row, but the same cannot be said of their front row. McElney will be unable to make the Shanghai trip and a satisfactory hooker will have to be found before the end of this month. W. E. Peers is a candidate, but his form of late has not been up to that which secured him a place in the 1931 side, and G. C. Moutrie and S. H. Garrod are very mediocre forwards for the front row. Kerr may

LADIES' YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Miss Fair Wins In Daphne.

WINS FOR MRS. STEWART AND MRS. STANTON.

The Ladies' Championship of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club was contested at North Point yesterday over a course of 6.2 miles.

Details: Course:—(1) Channel Rocks (P); (2) Kowloon Rock (P); (3) Channel Rocks (S); (4) Cust Rock Mark Boat (P).

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"H" Class—Started at 9 p.m.

Yacht Finished Corrected Pts.

Diana 4:02:55 4:01:38 20

(Miss E. M. Fale)

Dorchester 4:06:45 4:03:08 20

(Miss M. Knibb)

Rolla 4:02:38 4:02:38 18

(Mrs. T. P. K. Kumble)

Colleen 4:04:23 4:02:40 7

(Miss D. Layton)

"I" & "G" Class—Started at 3.5 p.m.

Aileen 4:16:45 4:16:45 43

(Mrs. E. Chavasse)

Speedwell 4:16:59 4:16:25 35

(Mrs. N. E. Stewart)

Why Warden 4:19:05 4:18:34 28

(Mrs. P. Fowkes)

Gad 4:25:59 4:21:10 19

(Mrs. Malone)

Eunice 4:25:42 4:21:08 19

(Mrs. C. Ross)

Blue Jacket 4:22:09 4:21:38 15

(Miss M. Whitham)

"A" Class—Started at 3.10 p.m.

4TH CHAMPIONSHIP RACE

(Mrs. Stanton)

Joss 4:19:45 4:19:45 26

(Mrs. Stanton)

Jan 4:21:00 4:21:00 20

(Mrs. Knigh-Moe)

Wasp 4:21:35 4:21:35 15

(Mrs. Griffin)

La Linda 4:22:20 4:22:20 15

(Mrs. Sheldon)

HEDLEY FOR SHANGHAI

Kowloon Half Back Line Weakened.

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR INTERPORT.

G. HEDLEY, one of the stalwarts of the Kowloon Football Club and one of the Colony's finest half backs, left for Shanghai yesterday morning by the Blue Funnel liner Patroclus. The duration of his transfer is indefinite.

Hedley was vice captain of the Hong Kong Interport football team in 1931, when the Colony side were defeated on their own ground by 4 goals to 3.

Kowloon possessed in Hedley, McKelvie and Bliss, the most formidable half-back line in the Colony, and Kowloon, who staggered everyone by their overwhelming win over the Athletic on Saturday, were counting on him to fill his old position at right half, will find the vacancy difficult to fill with all satisfaction.

Hedley will be an acquisition to Shanghai, but will be ineligible to play for them in the forthcoming Interport during the Chinese New Year. He is, however, almost certain of inclusion in the Shanghai half-back line in the next interport in the Northern port.

NEW GOAL RUSH

(Continued from page 8).

The individualistic goal I secured against Aston Villa at Highbury last season is one I may be forgiven for mentioning, although the interval that elapsed between the commencement of the movement and placing the ball in the net sufficed to deprive me of the pulsating excitement that is mine when a full-blooded drive from a distance finds its billet. The Villa goal was a cool, calculating effort, depending on absence of flurry and anticipation for its success; my first goal at Wolverhampton was a long bow at a venture, carrying anticipation in its wake.

IS RIGHT WRONG?

I have recollections of another long shot against Leeds United at Highbury in the opening match of a season. The ball came to me "a mile out," as the saying goes, and without hesitation I let drive. I don't think Potts ever saw that shot as it squeezed its way through, near the angle of the bar—and I must confess that instead of the congratulations that were showered on me I should have been ordered off! I've heard of players being dropped for shooting from forty yards' range!

My ninety-ninth Arsenal League goal was scored with the left foot. I started junior football as a left-winger, deserting the position against the advice of a footballing father—who, incidentally, played in no other position. He is unkind enough to say that every goal I register with the right must be a mistake! Perhaps Newcastle will see me through for the century, if only as a little compensation for that lost Cup medal!

Let me, in conclusion, give space to the cynics. "What of the goals you have missed?" Well, here's one of recent happening. I got clean through to draw 8— from his charge, and from an angle was tempted to try a favourite practice trick of mine, a "mashtie-niblick" into the far corner. It landed ingloriously in a bunker—and was generally described as a shocking miss! I scored 144 League goals during my stay with Bolton Wanderers, and missed—far, far too many to tabulate here. I hope that balances my account.

FANLING BOGEY POOL.

A. MACFARLANE (18) won the Bogey Pool over the New Course at Fanling over the week end when he finished the up in a half of twelve.

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THE JAR

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be mended. After all, the break was not a bad one, for the front had come away all in one piece; a clever riveter could repair it and make it as good as new. Zi Dima Licas was just the man for the job; he had invented a marvellous cement made of some composition which he kept a strict secret—miraculous stuff! Once it had set, you couldn't loosen it, even with a hammer. So they suggested that, if Don Lollo agreed, Zi Dima Licas should turn up at daybreak and—as sure as eggs were eggs—the jar would be repaired and be even better than a new one.

For a long time Don Lollo turned a deaf ear to their advice—it was quite useless, there was no making good the damage—but in the end he allowed himself to be persuaded, and punctually at daybreak Zi Dima Licas arrived at Primosele, with his outfit in a basket slung on his back.

He turned out to be a misshapen old man with swollen, crooked joints, like the stem of an ancient Saracen olive tree. To extract a word from him it looked as if you would have to use a pair of forceps on his mouth. His ingracious figure seemed to radiate discontent or gloom, due perhaps to his disappointment that no one had so far been found willing to do justice to his merits as an inventor. For Zi Dima Licas had not yet patented his discovery; he wanted to make a name for it first by its successful application. Meanwhile he felt it necessary to keep a sharp look-out, for fear lest some one steal the secret of his process.

"Let me see that cement of yours," began Don Lollo, in a distrustful tone, after examining him from head to foot for several minutes.

Zi Dima declined, with a dignified shake of the head.

"You'll see its results."

"But, will it hold?"

Zi Dima put his basket on the ground and took out from it a red bundle composed of a large cotton handkerchief, much the worse for wear, wrapped round and round something. He began to unroll it very carefully, while they all stood round watching him with close attention. When at last, however, nothing came to light save a pair of spectacles with bridge and sides broken and tied up with string, there was a general laugh. Zi Dima took no notice, but wiped his fingers before handling the spectacles, then put them on and, with much of the jar, which had been brought solemnly, began his examination outside on to the threshing-floor. Finally, he said:

"I'll hold."

"But I can't trust cement alone," Don Lollo stipulated, "I must have rivets as well."

"I'm off," Zi Dima promptly replied, standing up and replacing his basket on his back.

Don Lollo caught hold of his arm: "Or? Where to? You've got no more manners than a pig!"

Just look at this pauper putting on an air of royalty! Why?

You wretched fool, I've got to put oil in that jar, and don't you know that oil oozes? Yards and yards to join together, and you talk of using cement alone! I want rivets—cement and rivets. It's for me to decide."

Zi Dima shut his eyes, closed his lips tightly and shook his head. People were all like that—they refused to give him the satisfaction of turning out a neat bit of work, performed with artistic thoroughness and proving the wonderful virtues of his cement."

"If," he said, "the jar doesn't ring as true as a bell once more."

"I won't listen to a word," Don Lollo broke in, "I want rivets! I'll pay you for cement and rivets. How much will it come to?"

"If I use cement only."

"My God! what an obstinate fellow! What did I say? I told you I wanted rivets. We'll settle the terms after the work is done. I've no more time to waste on you."

An he went off to look after his man. In a state of great indignation Zi Dima started on the job, and his temper continued to rise as he bored holes in the jar and in its broken sections—holes for his iron rivets. Along with the squeaking of his tool went a running accompaniment of grunts which grew steadily louder and more frequent; his fury made his eyes more glaring and bloodshot and his face became green with bile. When he had finished that first operation, he hung his hammer angrily into the basket and held the detached portion up against the jar to satisfy himself that the holes were at equal distances and fitted one another; next he took his pliers and cut a length of iron wire into as many pieces as he needed rivets, and then called to one of the men who were beating the olive trees to come and help him.

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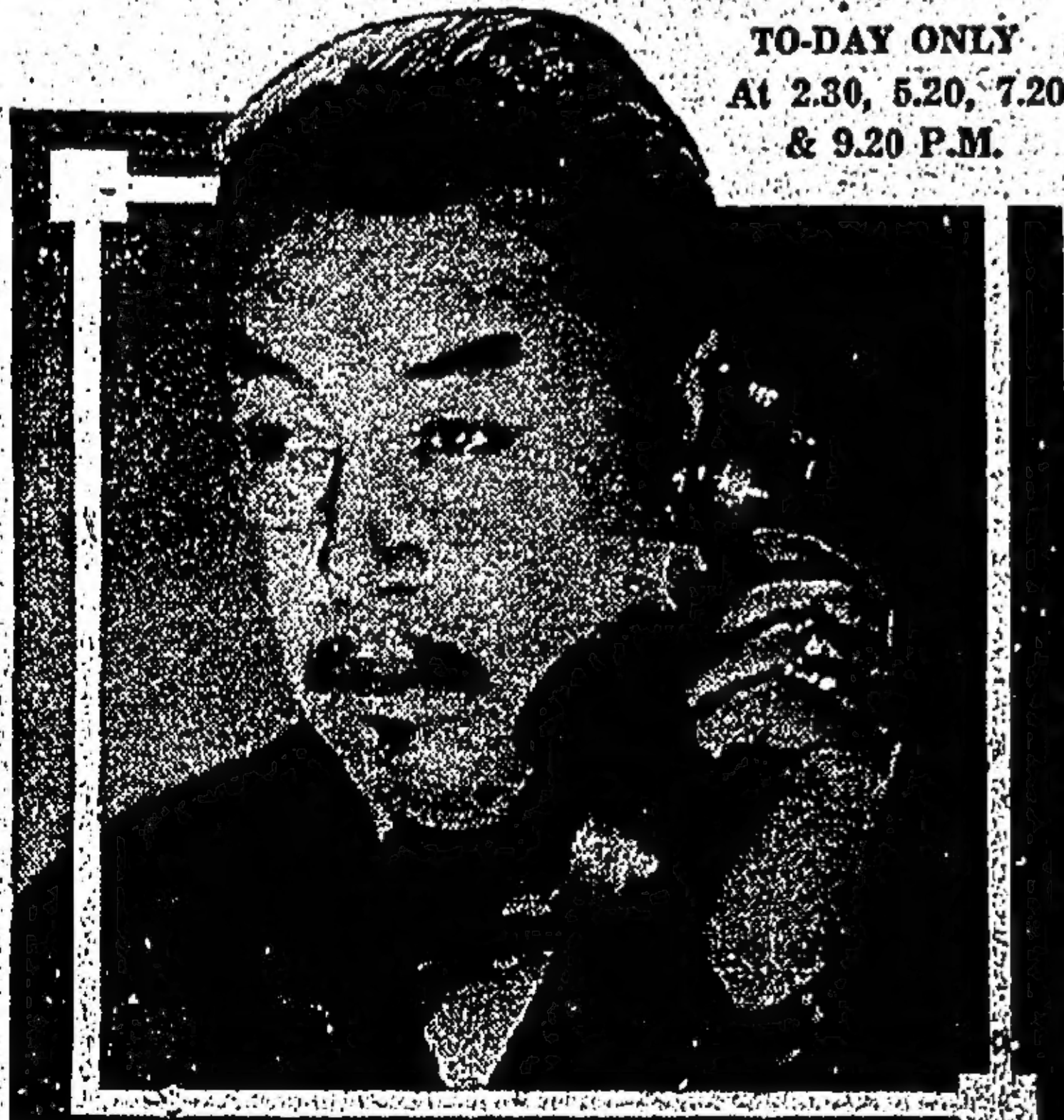
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He left the office at 6.30 p.m. last night in the heat of spirits, and a few minutes before leaving the building, accepted an invitation to tiffin on Friday with the manager of the J. C. J. L. staff. His movements from then appear to have been perfectly normal. It is also stated that he accepted several invitations to Christmas parties.

Came From Shanghai.

Mr. Frederiks joined the local J. C. J. L. staff in February last, coming to Hong Kong from the Shanghai office where he had been since joining the staff in January, 1927. Before coming to the Far East, he was with a shipping company in Amsterdam for one year. Before that he was a Lieutenant in the Dutch army.

In Shanghai, Mr. Frederiks was a member of the Light Gun Battery of the Volunteers.

Both his parents are still living in Heemstede, Holland, and his father was formerly a medical officer in the Dutch army. He has a brother-in-law, who is manager of the Sabang Company, coal merchants of Sabang. Mr. Frederiks was neither married nor engaged. The inquest will be held to-morrow, the body having been removed

Mixed Court Controversy Aired Again

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on such reforms in the District Court as will end existing abuses.

Capt. Eden said the Chinese Government already had been informed of the difficulties in the working of Number One Court at Shanghai. Suggestions had been made for their elimination on certain grounds of complaint. The Government was naturally continuing to work to that end.

Mr. Wardlaw-Milne asked would the Government consider recommendations from English organisations. Capt. Eden replied, "We are carefully considering the China Association's memorandum and keeping close touch with the Municipal Corporation." — Reuter.

Mr. Ip Mun-chi's Austin car, was taken from the City Hall car park on Saturday night, has been recovered.

to the Kowloon Mortuary. The funeral will take place at the Protestant Cemetery to-morrow evening, the body having been removed

DEATH OF TWO M.P.'S OF PARLIAMENT.

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Prominent Director.

Sir James Reynolds was born in 1865 and was High Sheriff of Lancashire, 1927-28. He was also the Chairman of the National Society For Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Liverpool Outer District; and a director of many large concerns. He saw service in the European war where he was mentioned twice in despatches and awarded the D. S. O.

Sir James Duncan Millar, K.C., M.P. was the member for East Fife-shire from 1922 to 1924 and later regained his seat in 1929. He was an Advocate of the Scots Bar, being called in 1898, and a year later became Barrister-at-Law of the Middle Temple. From 1913 to 1916 he held the post of Senior Advocate Depute. Sixty-one years of age, Sir Duncan was educated at Edinburgh University.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The present cold snap is expected to continue, the wind still remaining in the north-east. The Royal Observatory report issued to-day states that the weather will continue fresh and fine.

Work on the new extension at the infectious disease wing of the Tung Wah Hospital has been completed. Beds and general equipment were yesterday moved into the extension, which will be ready for use by the end of the week.

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